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Thousands evacuating as deadly wildfires ravage Northern California

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Jim Stites watches part of his neighborhood burn in Fountaingrove, Calif., on Monday.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Veterans my age are being ignored because, hell, we're going to die soon anyway."

— Victor Skaar, on a lawsuit filed by former U.S. airmen seeking information from the Defense Department about possible health effects of their involvement in the cleanup effort after two hydrogen bombs fell in Spain in 1966

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EUROPE

Swift Response begins in earnest

US soldiers, allies jump out of planes, capture an airfield

By MARTIN EGNASH
Stars and Stripes

HOHENFELS, Germany — U.S. soldiers and their allies jumped out of airplanes and captured an enemy airfield Monday during the first major event of an 18-day multinational war game.

French Foreign Legionnaires and British paratroopers joined U.S. Army Europe soldiers to take the objective as part of the crisis-response exercise Swift Response, which began Oct. 2 and includes more than 6,000 soldiers from 10 NATO allies and partner nations.

The exercise will feature several more air assaults, Army officials said.

"Complex exercises like Swift Response demonstrate that the U.S. and its allies and partners can quickly deploy and amass at times and locations of their choosing in order to deter and defend against aggression," U.S. Army Europe spokesman Craig Childs said.

The thousands of troops training at Hohenfels faced a mock enemy Monday, played primarily by U.S. soldiers who simulated an opposing alliance with military capabilities like their own. The training is far different from the insurgent-based tactics practiced for the wars in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

The change reflects greater emphasis on European security in the wake of Russia's 2014 invasion of Ukraine and Moscow's support of pro-Russia fighters there.

French Foreign Legion representatives at the exercise said they were "fighting different faces of the enemy all at once," using both conventional and unconventional techniques to create a tougher fight for the paratroopers.

The size of Swift Response and vast number of airborne maneuvers sometimes required soldiers to operate off post in the German countryside.

"The German Ministry of Defense has set aside land for us to use for when [exercises] are



PHOTOS BY MARTIN EGNASH/Stars and Stripes

U.S. soldiers observe French Foreign Legion and British paratroopers landing in a drop zone outside Hohenfels, Germany, during Swift Response on Monday.

so large that it can't all be done on base," said Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Burrow, of Joint Multinational Readiness Center Hohenfels.

Operating off post has created some traffic jams outside Hohenfels, but the crowds of Germans gathered around drop zones suggest that most locals are more interested than upset.

"We realize that this causes some inconveniences, but we have American soldiers and families that live in the area, too, and we are going through the same issues," Burrow said. "So far, the German populace has been very understanding and a pleasure to work with."

Another focus of the exercise is to develop leaders in the NATO alliance who can work effectively with several militaries.

British army Capt. Christopher Wade said his country couldn't fight a war on its own.

"We don't know where we are going to have to fight, but wherever it is, we know we're going to be alongside the U.S. and NATO," he said.

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Above: British paratroopers jump out of a C-130 Hercules. Below: A British paratrooper and a French Foreign Legionnaire share a laugh.



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From left, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley, acting Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis stand for the playing of the national anthem during the opening ceremony of the 2017 Association of the U.S. Army Meeting and Exposition in Washington on Monday.

Grow: Army developing new units of hundreds of soldiers

FROM FRONT PAGE

Currently, the U.S. Army has about 180,000 troops forward deployed in about 140 countries. A large percentage are focused on training, advising and assisting forces, including in areas outside declared war zones such as Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, he said.

The extent to which American troops are advising local forces in other areas was thrust into focus last week when the Army announced that four of its soldiers — two Green Berets and two conventional soldiers assigned to 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, N.C. — were killed in an ambush in Niger on Oct. 4 during a partnered mission to meet with local community leaders in the West African nation.

While Special Forces units are largely responsible for training commando units of partner forces, Milley said the conventional Army is equally responsible for the mission to train, advise and assist.

That's why the Army is developing new units called Security Force Assistance Brigades, or SFAbs, made up of mid- to senior-level officers and noncommissioned officers tasked with deploying to train, advise and assist indigenous fighters.

The first unit of 500 to 600 soldiers is being formed at Fort Benning in Georgia. Milley said the Army aims to develop five SFAbs in the regular Army and a sixth in the National Guard.

The new brigades will be structured like the 75th Ranger Regiment, and soldiers assigned to the units — the Army hopes to fill the brigades with volunteers — will face similarly stringent physical standards, Milley said.

‘We are likely to be involved in train, advise and assist operations across the world for many years to come,’

Gen. Mark Milley
Army chief of staff

By deploying the SFAbs to train, advise and assist, Milley aims to increase dwell time for brigade combat teams so they have more time to train at home and at combat training centers for high-intensity conflict likely to occur in a war with a near-peer competitor, such as Russia, Iran or North Korea.

“We are likely to be involved in train, advise and assist operations across the world for many years to come,” Milley said Monday. “We think it’s about time we recognize that fact with force structure specifically designed to train, man and equip organizations that can go forward for those operations.”

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President might visit DMZ during trip to South Korea

By KANGA KONG

Bloomberg

President Donald Trump may travel to the demilitarized zone separating the two Koreas as part of his first visit to South Korea in November, Yonhap News reported Tuesday, citing an unidentified military official.

Trump is expected to send a “significant message” to North Korea either verbally or “kinetically” during the trip, Yonhap said, without elaborating on what that might mean.

While Trump would be following his predecessor by visiting the heavily fortified area, any visit to the truce village of Panmunjom and an observation post in the DMZ would take place

amid escalating tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

Trump tweeted on Sunday that only “one thing would work” to stop Kim Jong Un’s regime from further developing a nuclear arsenal aimed at hitting the U.S. mainland. While he didn’t provide further explanation, it left observers speculating that it might be a military choice. He’s also played down hopes for direct talks between the U.S. and North Korea as touted by his own Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

“Presidents and their administrations have been talking to North Korea for 25 years, agreements made and massive amounts of money paid hasn’t worked, agreements violated before the ink was dry, makings fools of U.S.

negotiators,” he said in a pair of tweets.

A visit to the DMZ would fit Trump’s appetite for high theatrics, Bong Youngshik, a researcher at Yonsei University’s Institute for North Korean Studies in Seoul, South Korea, said by email.

“The image of him narrowing his eyes to stare across the DMZ. It is twitting by another means,” Bong said. “Mr Trump may also think that if it provokes Pyongyang, all the better.”

The White House said in late September that Trump will travel to Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam, the Philippines and Hawaii between Nov. 3 and Nov. 14, but a detailed itinerary hasn’t been released.

Bill calls for more VA spending oversight

By NIKKI WENTLING

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A group of senators led by Arizona Republican John McCain are seeking assurances that money spent on private health care for veterans is well-managed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

McCain and Sens. Jon Tester, D-Mont.; Tim Kaine, D-Va.; and Joe Manchin, D-W.V., introduced legislation to prevent future funding crises at the VA that put veterans’ health care and benefits at risk. The “VA Financial Accountability Act” is a response to the multiple funding shortfalls this year in the Veterans’ Choice Program, which allows veterans to seek care in the private sector.

“Over the past several months, we’ve seen the VA lurch from funding crisis to funding crisis because of its inability to effectively manage its budget,” McCain said in a prepared statement. “Our veterans deserve to have certainty that their access to quality care in the community through the Veterans’ Choice Program will continue uninterrupted.”

McCain helped create the Choice program in 2014 following the VA wait-time scandal that was first discovered at the VA hospital in Phoenix.

VA Secretary David Shulkin alerted senators in June that the Choice program was quickly

and unexpectedly running out of money. Veterans with long-term medical issues reported their health care was interrupted as requests for appointments through the program accumulated.

The VA also warned the funding shortage could cause layoffs at third-party administrators. Two months later, Congress passed a \$2.1 billion emergency funding measure — just days before the measure was expected to be depleted.

There’s now concern that the Choice program is facing another shortfall. The funding provided to the VA in August was estimated to last until February. The VA’s latest estimate is the money will run out before January.

Shulkin has attributed the funding shortfalls to the program’s increased popularity and the difficulty of estimating how much money will be needed.

“It’s a very, very hard program to do accurate financial projections,” Shulkin said Sept. 29 after a Senate hearing.

The VA Financial Accountability Act would require the VA to hire an independent auditor to review the agency’s financial processes and make recommendations. It also calls for the VA to make emergency funding requests at least 45 days before veterans’ health care or benefits are affected. Also under the bill, the VA’s chief financial officer must

sign off on the department’s annual budget request.

“It was troubling to hear recently that the VA will need additional money for the Choice program earlier than expected after Congress just authorized more funding for it,” Kaine said in a prepared statement. “The VA’s uncertainty about exactly when Choice funding will be run out affects Congress’ ability to responsibly budget.”

The Choice program has been criticized as complex and bureaucratic, and Congress is beginning a debate this fall about how to reform it. Shulkin said he expects legislation to be passed by mid-November — before there’s another funding crisis.

There’s likely to be conflict in the debate as some major veterans’ groups have expressed concern the billions of dollars going toward private-sector care is undermining the VA system.

McCain also said the reform efforts would “continue to face opposition” until the VA gets a grasp on its finances.

“The VA’s inability to provide Congress with an accurate budget is hurting veterans and taxpayers across the nation,” Tester said in a prepared statement. “We can’t keep throwing money at the VA without more accountability over their budget and spending practices.”

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Media: South Korean lawmaker says North might have hacked war plans

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A South Korean lawmaker said Tuesday that North Korean hackers may have stolen highly classified military documents that include U.S.-South Korean wartime “decapitation strike” plans against the North, according to

South Korean media reports.

Rep. Lee Cheol-hee, a lawmaker for the ruling Democratic Party, cited unidentified defense officials as saying the hackers stole the plans last year, according to the reports. Neither Lee nor Defense Ministry officials responded to attempts late Tuesday to confirm the stories.

If confirmed, such a hack would be a major blow for South Korea at a time when its relations with North Korea are at a low point.

The South has taken an increasingly aggressive stance toward the North’s belligerence amid back-and-forth threats of war between North Korea and

U.S. President Donald Trump.

Among the classified plans allegedly stolen from the South were said to be blueprints for targeted attacks by Seoul and Washington to eliminate North Korean leader Kim Jong Un if a crisis breaks out or appears imminent. Kim is the third generation of his family to rule North Korea.

The South’s Yonhap news agency quoted Lee as saying that 235 gigabytes of military documents were taken. While nearly 80 percent of the documents had not yet been identified, they reportedly included contingency plans for South Korean special forces and included access to military facilities and power plants, it said.

EUROPE

Bunker ruins a reminder of Hitler's defeat

By MARTIN EGNASH
Stars and Stripes

WGRAFENWOEHR, Germany — When U.S. soldiers are firing rifles and calibrating artillery at the Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany, they often notice dozens of bunkers in various states of decay, partly hidden in the thick forests. Tangled hunks of concrete and iron can be found all over the American base.

The damage to these bunkers wasn't caused by Allied war-

‘The construction of the West Wall system can still be retraced today by following the bunker ruins and defense lines that are located everywhere.’

Gerald Morgenstern
base historian

planes or tanks during World War II, as it might seem. Instead, they were targeted by the Germans themselves, who used the training area as a bunker-testing site.

Adolf Hitler ordered bunkers to be built at what was then known as Fortress Fighting Area Grafenwoehr, base historian Gerald Morgenstern said recently.

The bunkers were built to resemble the so-called West Wall, the fortified line of Nazi Germany's Wehrmacht armed forces bordering the Netherlands and Belgium.

“The Nazis wanted to test the strength of the West Wall and simulate bunker fighting here in Grafenwoehr before the war,” said Morgenstern, author of the book “Grafenwoehr Training Area: Yesterday and Today.”

After the invasion of Belgium, the Wehrmacht abandoned the West Wall, and it went unmanned until Sept. 10, 1944, just a few days before the U.S. Army reached it.

It took five months of hard fighting for U.S. forces to completely overrun the wall, a credit to the effectiveness of the Grafenwoehr-tested bunkers.

Most of the bunkers seen today on Grafenwoehr were built in 1938, when teams of laborers were brought in to complete the task. Hitler toured the construc-

tion site in June of that year to ensure they would be done on time for a huge bunker war game, called Fortress War Exercise Grafenwoehr, which Hitler was supposed to oversee personally.

It was canceled at the start of WWII when Germany attacked Poland. Instead, the bunkers were used for various smaller-scale tests, as artillery observation posts and even for target practice, Morgenstern said.

The U.S. Army blew up most of the 34 bunkers using vast amounts of explosives after occupying the base in 1945.

“The construction of the West Wall system can still be retraced today by following the bunker ruins and defense lines that are located everywhere,” Morgenstern said.

Today, many animals, including protected bats, use the bunkers as shelter.

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A ruined bunker blown up by American soldiers during World War II still stands at the U.S. military base in Grafenwoehr, Germany.



The entrance to a bunker, seen at bottom right, is located near the base.

Marinette Marine will build 14th LCS

MARINETTE, Wis. — Lockheed Martin said Fincantieri Marinette Marine will build another littoral combat ship for the Navy.

It will be the 14th LCS ship built by the Midwest's only naval shipyard. Lockheed Martin, the general contractor, said the value of the contract is under the 2017 con-

gressional cost cap of \$584 million per ship. Marinette Marine has built half the fleet of littoral combat ships. The other half are built at a shipyard in Alabama.

WLUK-TV reported Lockheed Martin said it plans to deliver the ship to the Navy in 2022. The latest ship to be completed in Marinette is the future USS Little Rock, which was delivered to the Navy last month.

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NATION

Wildfires ravage California

At least 11 dead, 100 hurt; about 1,500 homes, businesses razed

By JEFF CHIU
AND ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — An onslaught of wildfires across a wide swath of Northern California broke out almost simultaneously, then grew exponentially, swallowing up properties from wineries to trailer parks and tearing through both tiny rural towns and urban subdivisions.

Authorities said at least 11 people are dead, with 100 injured, and as many as 1,500 homes and businesses have been destroyed. All three figures were expected to surge in the coming days as more information is reported.

A new blaze is threatening homes near the Oakmont area of Santa Rosa, a city already battling unforgiving wildfires.

Taken as a group, the fires already are among the deadliest in California history.

Residents who gathered at emergency shelters and grocery stores said they were shocked by the speed and ferocity of the flames. They recalled all the possessions they had left behind.

"All that good stuff, I'm never going to see it again," said Jeff Okrepkie, who fled his neighborhood in Santa Rosa knowing it was probably the last time he would see his home of the past five years standing.

His worst fears were confirmed Monday, when a friend sent him a photo of what was left: a smoldering heap of burnt metal and debris.

Some of the largest of the 14 blazes burning over a 200-mile region were in Napa and Sonoma counties, home to dozens of wineries that attract tourists from around the world. They sent smoke as far south as San Francisco, about 60 miles away.

Sonoma County said it has received more than 100 missing-person reports as family and friends scramble to locate loved ones.

The reports have come via calls to a hotline the county set up for the missing, according to Scott Alonso, communications director for Sonoma County.

It's possible that many or most of the missing are safe but simply can't be reached because of the widespread loss of cell service and other communications.

Much of the damage was in Santa Rosa, a far larger and more developed city than usually finds itself at the mercy of a wildfire. The city is home to 175,000 residents, including both the wine-country wealthy and the working class.

The flames were unforgiving to both groups. Hundreds of homes of all sizes were leveled by flames as they melted the plastic roofs of cars and turned aluminum wheels into liquid.

Former San Francisco Giants pitcher Noah Lowry, who now runs an outdoor sporting-goods store in Santa Rosa, was forced to flee in minutes along with his wife, two daughters and a son just



Kristine Pond reacts as she searches the remains of her family's home destroyed by fire in Santa Rosa, Calif., on Monday.

JEFF CHIU/AP

Lush vineyards destroyed

By HAVEN DALEY
AND JANIE HAR
Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Workers in Northern California's renowned wine country picked through charred debris and plotted what to do with pricey grapes after wildfires swept through lush vineyards, destroying at least two wineries and damaging many others.

The wind-driven wildfires came as Napa and Sonoma counties were finishing highly anticipated harvests of wine grapes. Monday normally would have found workers picking and processing the ripe grapes to make chardonnay and other wines.

Instead, melted and blackened wine bottles decorated the ruined Signorello Estate Winery in Napa Valley. People at Paradise Ridge Winery in Sonoma County posted photos of debris and haze, saying they were "heartbroken to share the news" that the winery had burned.

A maintenance worker

over 2 weeks old. "I can't shake hearing people scream in terror as the flames barreled down on us," Lowry said.

His family tried to take U.S. 101 to evacuate but found it blocked by flames; they had to take country roads to get to the family friends who took them in.

A 90-mile stretch of the highway is framed by the flames and was a major concern overnight, said Brad Alexander, a spokesman for the California Office of Emergency Services. Highway 12, which winds

watched and hoped for the best Monday as flames crept down a hillside by the Gundlach Bundschu Winery.

"It's right behind the main office," Tom Willis said. "It's working its way down the hillside. That can't be good. It's slowly working its way in."

The Napa Valley Vintners, a trade association, said Monday that most wineries were closed because of power outages, evacuation orders and employees who couldn't get to work. The organization said it did not have firm numbers on wineries burned or how the smoke might affect this year's harvest or the industry in general. But it said most grapes already had been picked.

About 12 percent of grapes grown in California are in Sonoma, Napa and surrounding counties, said Anita Oberholster, a cooperative extension specialist in enology at the University of California, Davis. But they are the highest value grapes, leading to the highest value wines, she said.

through the heart of wine country, was also rendered unusable by the flames.

"Sonoma and Napa counties have been hit very hard," Alexander said.

The ferocity of the flames forced authorities to focus primarily on getting people out safely, even if it meant abandoning structures to the fire.

Firefighters rushed to a state home for the severely disabled when flames reached one side of the center's sprawling campus in the historic Sonoma County town



Active fires detected by satellite as of 5 p.m. Monday
Evacuation area on Monday

Santa Rosa
Sonoma
Napa
Fairfield
Vacaville
Petaluma

SOURCES: Santa Rosa Fire Department, NOAA, The Washington Post

NOAA AMH-W/Stars and Stripes



JEFF GRITCHEN, THE ORANGE COUNTY (CALIF.) REGISTER/AP

Firefighters work to extinguish a fire at a home in Anaheim Hills.



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Flames from a wildfire approach a pair of horses in a field in Napa.

of Glen Ellen. Crews got the more than 200 people from the threatened buildings, one firefighter said, as flames closed within a few dozen feet.

Fires from ruptured gas lines dotted the smoky landscapes of blackened Santa Rosa hillsides. Firetrucks raced by smoldering roadside landscaping in search of higher priorities.

The flames were fickle in some corners of the city. One hillside home remained unscathed, while a dozen surrounding it were destroyed.

Kim Hoe, 33, a tech worker from Penang, Malaysia, was staying at the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country, which was gutted by flames. He said the power went out about 1 a.m., and he and his colleagues started packing up when someone knocked on the door and told them to run.

"We just had to run and run. It was full of smoke. We could barely breathe," Hoe said.

Flames began coming over a ridge shortly after 11 p.m. Monday in an area bordering Oakmont and Trione-Amadeo State Park, Santa Rosa police Sgt. Summer Black told the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. Most of the Oakmont area had been evacuated earlier in the day.

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NATION

FEMA: Puerto Rico politics hampers hurricane response

By JOEL ACHENBACH
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The Washington Post

The federal response to Hurricane Maria has been hindered by Puerto Rico's political culture and a lack of unity among leaders on the island, Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator William "Brock" Long said Monday in a briefing with reporters at FEMA headquarters in Washington.

In the continental U.S., "politics between Republicans and Democrats is bad enough, but in Puerto Rico, politics is even worse in many cases," Long said, adding that divisions on the island had undermined unity of purpose there.

His comments came at the end of an hourlong session in which he and two U.S. military generals defended the Trump administration's response to the devastating hurricane. Long singled out the total collapse of communications across Puerto Rico as the greatest impediment to delivering food, water, fuel and other supplies to desperate survivors of the storm, which hit the island Sept. 20.

Reporters also were given a glimpse of the National Response Coordination Center, a war room that's been operating around the clock since Hurricane Harvey hit Texas in late August.

Long's stated desire has been to be apolitical, he said Monday. But Long is a political appointee of the president — he was overwhelming confirmed by the Senate in June — and the administration's response to Maria has been subject to abundant criticism.

Most prominently, San Juan's mayor, Carmen Yulín Cruz, has expressed outrage at what she sees as a failure of the administration to deliver life-sustaining resources. She posted a series of tweets this past weekend accusing FEMA of doing nothing when hospitals were in crisis.

President Donald Trump has

attacked Cruz on Twitter, claiming she has shown poor leadership, and he also has blamed Puerto Rico's poor infrastructure for much of the humanitarian crisis since the storm hit.

Long, speaking Sunday on ABC's "This Week," said he'd long ago "filtered out" the mayor. On Monday he echoed that comment. A reporter asked him if he viewed criticism of FEMA as justified or as simply a political attack on the administration; that's when he said the political divide in Puerto Rico is worse than it is in the mainland United States.

Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, attended Monday's FEMA briefing and offered new metrics on the scale of the disaster. He said officials need to remove debris that could fill 350 Olympic-size swimming pools. An estimated 60,000 homes need some kind of help, he said.

As for the critical issue of electrical power, he said 14 percent of the grid is up and running. The island needs 2,700 megawatts of electricity to operate and at last count had 376 megawatts available. Four hundred 75-foot-tall transmission towers were "wiped out" by the storm, he said. Semonite said a dam in western Puerto Rico continues to erode and will need to be rebuilt.

On Monday, Brig. Gen. Jose Reyes, assistant adjutant general of the Puerto Rican National Guard, said the opening of the port of Ponce in the south will speed the delivery of life-sustaining resources to storm survivors. Asked why such efforts have taken so long, Reyes blamed the double whammy of hurricanes Irma and Maria.

"You have to understand, this is a situation never seen before," Reyes said in an interview. "We were hit by two hurricanes, Cat 5, within less than 10 days. We were not even getting back on our feet after Irma, then suddenly we got hit by Maria."

Poll shows most don't want young immigrants deported

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON
AND EMILY SWANSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just 1 in 5 Americans want to deport young immigrants brought to the United States as children and now here illegally, the focus of a politically fraught debate between the White House and Congress.

Americans also have largely negative opinions about President Donald Trump's signature

immigration pledge to build a wall along the entire U.S.-Mexico border, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Just under half — 49 percent — oppose construction while 32 percent support it.

On Sunday, Trump told lawmakers his hardline immigration priorities, including the wall, must be approved if he is to go along with protecting the young



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Fatal fiery wreck

The driver of a tractor-trailer was killed Monday morning when his truck flipped over on Interstate 10 near Butte La Rose, La., catching fire and dumping thousands of potatoes onto the highway. Investigators couldn't immediately tell if the driver was a man or a woman, according to Master Trooper Brooks David. He said the highway reopened in the afternoon after crews cleared the potatoes.

Group sues 'bump stock' makers, sellers

By LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

ATLANTA — One of the nation's leading gun control groups has filed a lawsuit against the makers and sellers of "bump stocks," the devices used by the gunman in what is now the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence filed the lawsuit on behalf of victims of the Oct. 1 shooting in Las Vegas. The lawsuit claims that the leading manufacturer of the devices misled federal authorities about their intended purpose and marketed them to thrill-seeking gun enthusiasts who wanted the experience of firing a fully automatic weapon that is otherwise greatly restricted under federal law.

The lawsuit was filed Friday in Clark County District Court in Nevada. It has three named plaintiffs — all victims of the shooting — and seeks class-action status. It's not the first time that the Brady Center has filed a lawsuit after a high-profile shooting, seeking to hold gunmakers and others in the industry accountable.

Slide Fire Solutions, the Texas-based company

that is considered the top manufacturer of bump stocks, did not return an email message sent Tuesday through its Facebook page seeking comment. Its voicemail box was not accepting messages and the company has not commented since the shooting took place.

The devices were originally intended to help people with disabilities who have arm mobility issues fire a semi-automatic long gun. It replaces the stock and pistol grip and allows the weapon to fire continuously, mimicking a fully automatic firearm. Bump stocks were found among the weapons used by Stephen Paddock as he shot from a Las Vegas casino high-rise Oct. 1, killing 58 people at a concert and wounding hundreds.

The gun industry has broad protections from lawsuits. The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act was enacted in 2005, protecting gunmakers and dealers from being held liable whenever a crime is committed with a firearm.

Avery Gardiner, co-president of the Brady Center, said that liability wouldn't apply because Slide Fire manufactures neither firearms nor ammunition.

overall approval rating.

The poll also revealed more Americans favor than oppose another aspect of Trump's immigration policy — his latest travel ban. Forty-four percent favor it compared with 37 percent who say they are against the new rules.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,150 adults was conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 2. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

NATION

Shooter fired on guard before concertgoers

By KEN RITTER
AND REGINA GARCIA CANO
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Law enforcement authorities on Monday made a significant change to the timeline of the Las Vegas mass shooting, saying the gunman shot a hotel security guard before he opened fire on concertgoers.

Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo had previously said the guard was shot after gunman Stephen Paddock, 64, fired at the country music festival, and that the guard's arrival in the hallway of the Mandalay Bay hotel may have caused Paddock to stop firing.

It was not immediately clear why the timeline of the shooting changed a week later and what the impact could be on the investigation.

On Monday, Lombardo said security guard Jesus Campos was in a hallway of the hotel responding to a report of an open door when he heard drilling from Paddock's room. Paddock, who had installed three cameras to monitor an approach to his suite, opened fire through the door, spraying 200 shots down the hall and wounding the guard, who alerted other security officials, Lombardo said.

A few minutes later, Paddock began raining down bullets for 10 minutes in an attack that killed 58 people, Lombardo said.

Authorities also said Monday that Paddock targeted aviation fuel tanks, stocked his car with explosives and had personal protection gear as part of an escape plan.



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Alexandra Gurr cries Monday as she lays flowers at a makeshift memorial for victims of the Oct. 1 mass shooting in Las Vegas.

Paddock had power tools and was attempting to drill a hole in an adjacent wall, perhaps to mount another camera or to point a rifle through, but he never completed the work, Lombardo said. He also drilled holes and bolted a metal bar to try to prevent the opening of an emergency exit stairwell door near the door of his room.

Lombardo again expressed frustration with the pace of the investigation but not with the investigators who have yet to pinpoint the motive behind the shooter's decision to fire from the 32nd floor of the hotel into a crowd of 22,000 on Oct. 1.

"It's because this individual purposely hid



Lombardo

his actions leading up to this event, and it is difficult for us to find the answers to those actions," Lombardo said. "We believe he decided to take the lives he did and he had a very purposeful plan that he carried out."

There is still no evidence Paddock was motivated by ideology or that there was another shooter, Lombardo said. Investigators have found 200 incidents

of Paddock moving through the city, and at no time was he with anyone else, he said.

Lombardo said police and FBI agents, including behavioral profilers, still haven't found a particular event in Paddock's life that might have triggered the shooting. The sheriff added that a complete evaluation of Paddock's mental condition was not yet done. Authorities didn't find a note in his room, only a paper with numbers, he said.

Investigators believe the numbers represented calculations for more precise shots, according to a law enforcement official who wasn't authorized to discuss the details of the ongoing investigation publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The sheriff also confirmed investigators are talking with Paddock's brother, Eric Paddock, who traveled to Las Vegas, and they continue to speak with the shooter's girlfriend, Marilou Danley, to get insight.

Lombardo declined to reveal what they've said, but he stated, "Every piece of information we get is one more piece of the puzzle."

Eric Paddock said he came to Las Vegas to retrieve his brother's body in hopes of sending the cremated ashes to their 89-year-old mother in Orlando, Fla.

Clark County Coroner John Fudenberg said Monday he could not discuss the results of an autopsy done on Paddock, who police said shot himself dead before officers arrived at his hotel suite.

Eric Paddock told the Las Vegas Review-Journal that he plans to put his brother's assets in a trust that would benefit the shooting victims.

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NATION

President suggests he's smarter than Tillerson

By CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump suggested he's smarter than Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, saying in an interview published Tuesday that if Tillerson said he was a moron, as reported, the two should "compare IQ tests."

"And I can tell you who is going to win," Trump said to Forbes magazine.

Trump's tense relationship with Tillerson burst into public view last week. An NBC News story claimed Vice President Mike Pence had to talk Tillerson out of resigning this past summer, and that Tillerson had called Trump a "moron."

Tillerson said he never considered resigning, though he didn't directly address the reported insult. His spokeswoman later said he never used such language.

Trump and Tillerson were scheduled to have lunch Tuesday at the White House with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis.

State Department officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Trump has at times appeared to undercut Tillerson's message on some of America's most sensitive national security challenges, including Iran and North Korea. Tillerson also has publicly complained about the White House blocking him from making key appointments.

Still, last week Trump told reporters he has "total confidence" in his secretary of state.

In the Forbes interview, done Friday, Trump responded to criticism that he's undermined his secretary of state through his often provocative tweets that have interfered directly with ongoing diplomatic efforts.

Trump says US should change tax law to punish NFL organizations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is suggesting the U.S. change its tax laws to punish organizations like the NFL, if members are "disrespecting" the national anthem or flag.

The NFL gave up its federal tax-exempt status a few years ago and now files tax returns as a taxable entity. So it's unlikely that Trump's proposal, tweeted in the early hours Tuesday, would change anything.

Trump tweeted: "Why is the NFL getting massive tax breaks while at the same time disrespecting our Anthem, Flag and Country? Change tax law!"

Trump also tweeted Tuesday that ESPN ratings have "tank[ed]" because of Jemele Hill, the anchor who has been making political statements on social media.

While NFL viewership is down slightly, ESPN remains among the most popular cable networks, averaging 3 million viewers in prime time. The network has suffered subscriber losses over the last few years as some viewers have moved to streaming services from cable television.

Hill, a black co-host of the 6 p.m. broadcast of "SportsCenter," received backlash last month after calling Trump a "white supremacist" in a series of tweets that referenced the president's comments about a deadly white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Va.

That comment prompted Trump to demand an apology from ESPN and White

"I'm not undermining," Trump told Forbes. "I think I'm actually strengthening authority."

As for Tillerson's reported "moron" comment, the president said, "I think it's fake news. But if he did that, I guess we'll have to compare IQ tests. And I can tell you who is going to win."

The president launched a series of tweets on a wide range of topics Tuesday morning.

He said that reaching out to congressional Democrats for help in getting immigration legislation passed is difficult because "the Democrats don't want secure borders." In his tweet, Trump charged that Democrats "don't care about safety for U.S.A."

His Twitter post came only two days after Trump sent an immigration overhaul wish list of legislative proposals to congressional leaders, including a requirement that Congress agree to a host of border security improvements and make significant changes to the green-card program.

Trump had said on Sunday there needs to be security enhancements — and the border wall that he's demanded — before he'd sign on to a bill restoring a program that shields from deportation young people brought to the United States illegally when they were children.

Trump also said he would be acting on health care soon, tweeting, "I will be using the power of the pen to give great Healthcare to many people — FAST."

The White House has been finalizing an executive order that would expand health plans offered by associations to allow individuals to pool together and buy insurance outside their states.

House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders to call for Hill's firing.

While ESPN took no formal action against Hill over the Trump comment, she did apologize to the network for the trouble her remarks had caused, while standing by the tweets. ESPN cited that apology in announcing Hill's suspension Monday, saying in a statement that ESPN employees had been "reminded of how individual tweets may reflect negatively on ESPN and that such actions would have consequences."

“Why is the NFL getting massive tax breaks while at the same time disrespecting our Anthem, Flag and Country? Change tax law!”

President Donald Trump
in a tweet

ers who disrespect the flag would not play for his team. She suggested fans who disagree with Jones should boycott the team's advertisers and not buy the team's merchandise.

She clarified Monday that she wasn't calling for an NFL boycott.



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., talks to Kentucky farmer Mike Bach at Mahan Farms in Paris, Ky., on Monday.

Trump again blasts Corker as GOP senators urge end to spat

By ERICA WERNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump lashed out at Sen. Bob Corker as "Liddle" Bob Corker on Tuesday, continuing a feud with the Tennessee Republican who's dubbed the White House an "adult day care center" and charged that Trump could be setting the nation on the path toward World War III.

Fellow GOP senators, treading carefully, avoided siding with Trump or Corker. But leading lawmakers called on both men to end a quarrel that could imperil the Republican agenda on Capitol Hill. Trump will need Corker if he is to get big tax changes through the Senate, where the narrow GOP majority was unable to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Corker also figures to be a key player if Trump moves as expected to unwind the Iran nuclear deal.

"I have a lot of respect for Sen. Corker and what he brings to the Senate, but I think the president is leading in the right direction and I'm supportive of what he's doing," Sen. Roy Blunt, of Missouri, a member of the GOP leadership, told reporters Tuesday. "I would encourage them both to stop what they're doing and get focused on what we need to be doing."

Blunt's comments followed a plea from GOP Sen. Chuck Grassley at a town hall meeting in Jefferson, Iowa, on Monday for Trump and Corker to "cool it."

"And I think it would help if the president would be the first to cool it," Grassley said. "I think it would be better if we stuck to the issues and leave personalities out of it."

Trump's tweet Tuesday alleged that Corker was "screw[ed] up by the failing" New York Times in a recorded interview Sunday. Corker, who is not running for re-election, leveled searing criticism at Trump and said his conduct "would have to concern anyone who cares about our nation."

In the interview, Corker said Trump could set the U.S. "on the path to World War III" with threats toward other countries.

Corker "was made to sound a fool, and

that's what I am dealing with!" Trump wrote on Twitter. Corker's office declined to respond but a Times spokeswoman, Danielle Rhoades Ha, said "the interview with Senator Corker was on the record and he knew it was being recorded."

Corker's comments echoed what some Republicans say privately. But Trump's enduring popularity with a segment of the GOP base serves as a political muzzle that keeps most elected Republicans from saying anything similar, even those who believe it to be true.

And Trump still has plenty of loyalists on Capitol Hill, several of whom voiced displeasure with Corker's remarks. Corker's fellow Tennesseean, Rep. Diane Black, said in an interview on the Hugh Hewitt Show on Tuesday that "if you talk about an adult daycare center, I'm sorry, but I think the Senate is an adult daycare center. They can't get anything done over there."

"We have been waiting for repeal and replace," Black said, referring to the Senate's failure to pass legislation to undo the Affordable Care Act after the House passed its own version. The Senate's failure on health care has also led Trump to attack Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell in the past.

McConnell responded Monday to the Corker-Trump contretemps by saying "Sen. Corker is a valuable member of the Senate Republican caucus and he's also on the Budget Committee and a particularly important player as we move to the floor on the budget next week."

His comments underscored what has frustrated Republicans most about the Trump-Corker feud, which burst open Sunday when Trump began tweeting, inaccurately, that Corker had begged for his endorsement and decided not to run for re-election when Trump turned him down.

Former top Trump adviser Steve Bannon lashed out at Corker, McConnell and others in an interview with conservative host Sean Hannity late Monday, calling on Corker to resign and threatening to take out incumbent GOP senators in primaries.

NATION



JULIE ZAUZMER/The Washington Post

Women dance on the Mall in Washington during a prayer rally Monday.

Christian women rally on DC mall for their God and country

By JULIE ZAUZMER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — One after another, the women who gathered for a prayer rally on the Mall on Monday said that when they decided to travel to Washington for the event, they had in mind another assembly of women in the same place — the Women's March on the day following the presidential inauguration, which drew massive crowds of protesters.

Those women marchers didn't stand for them, the Christian women said Monday.

"For years, the feminists lied to us," Christian author Lisa Bevere shouted from the stage as the women gathered on the Mall raised their hands in praise.

Many spoke about their reasons for coming to a women's prayer rally on a muddy day on the Mall: their desire to bolster women in their God-given roles as wives and mothers, their belief that women's activism should make outlawing abortions a priority, and their faith in the power of prayer to change the country's culture.

Lou Engle, who has been organizing revivals and giant prayer rallies for decades, planned a day specifically for women to conclude his four-day event on the Mall this week. As the day dawned rainy and the gravel paths to the event turned to mud, the turnout was modest. All the women (and some men) gathered in front of the huge stage had room to form spontaneous dance circles,

jump up and down to the amplified worship music and twirl multicolored scarves.

For Linda Shebesta, of Burleson, Texas, it was a day to pray alongside the family members of three generations who traveled to Washington with her.

"We believe our nation was founded as a Christian nation. The enemy is trying to take it in another direction, not Christianity," she said.

"We believe God put Donald Trump in," Shebesta said.

Most of the speakers in the first hours of the all-day rally stayed away from politics, focusing instead on personal stories of mothers' prayers for their children and biblical stories about women and men.

Billions in unpaid Illinois bills not sent for payment

By JOHN O'CONNOR
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Illinois is chasing a moving target as it tries to dig out of the nation's worst budget crisis, and a review obtained by The Associated Press shows \$7.5 billion worth of unpaid bills — as much as half the total — hadn't been sent to the official who writes the checks by the end of June.

Although many of those IOUs have since been paid, a similar amount in unprocessed bills has replaced them in the last three months, Comptroller Susana Mendoza's office said Monday. That's in addition to \$9 billion worth of checks that are at the office but being delayed because the state lacks the money to pay them.

The sound of past-due bills tripled over the two years. Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democrats who control the General Assembly were locked in a budget stalemate, which ended in July when lawmakers increased income taxes over Rauner's vetoes.

In some cases, agencies were waiting to send their receipts to Mendoza because lawmakers haven't approved the spending.

For example, The Department of Corrections had \$471 million in unpaid bills on hand as of June

30 largely for that reason.

"Ascertaining the precise nature of the state's past-due obligations and liabilities is an essential component of responsible cash and debt management," the Democratic comptroller wrote in a letter to Republican Rep. David McSweeney, a budget hawk from Barrington Hills who requested the review.

Mendoza and McSweeney plan to use the findings to urge lawmakers to override Rauner's veto of legislation that would require monthly reporting of bills not yet submitted for processing. The measure, authored by Mendoza's office, would include a breakdown of how old each bill is and which ones have received legislative approval to be paid.

"The governor supports more transparency on the state of our finances," Rauner spokesman Hud Englehart said in an email to the AP.

"He vetoed this bill because the State does not have adequate technology in place to cost effectively provide this information monthly."

The age of bills is important because many that are 90 days or older face a 1 percent-per-month late-payment fee; about \$5.5 billion of the current \$15.9 billion backlog is subject to the penalty.

Chicago mom accused of calling for killing of informant

By MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A suburban Chicago mother of seven is accused of urging Facebook followers to kill a gang member-turned-FBI mole for his role in a sting that put an associate of hers behind bars on charges he tried to sell semiautomatic rifles stolen from a freight train, court documents show.

Iesha Staniel, 38, faces federal cyberstalking charges for the threats, as well as a gun charge

after she was arrested carrying a bag containing one of the brand new AR 15-type assault rifles stolen from the Chicago train that had stopped overnight at a Norfolk Southern yard on Sept. 18, 2016, according to a federal complaint examined by The Associated Press this week.

Authorities have never publicly announced any arrests related to the theft of the six new Smith & Wesson-made M&P assault rifles and 27 pistols despite Staniel's indictment in May and the arrest

in October 2016 of Brian Stafford, who allegedly told the informant he had the rifles just two days after the train theft.

That 2016 theft angered residents near the South Side rail yard because it came a year after the theft of 104 Sturm, Ruger & Co. guns, which quickly fell into the hands of gangs. After the 2015 heist, aldermen sought assurances from Norfolk Southern that such thefts wouldn't happen again.

At a sentencing hearing last

week in that 2015 case, Judge John Tharp said criminals prize new guns because they're hard to trace and that their theft contributed to "an epidemic of violence" in Chicago. A prosecutor told the court there's a little-known "subculture" of thieves who regularly rob trains in the nation's busiest rail hub.

It was Stafford's arrest that led Staniel, just days later, to start posting the Facebook threats that included the informant's name, court papers said.

"Snitches get stitches and found in ditches," one posting allegedly said, followed by 11 handgun emojis. Agents say that was an invitation to kill the informant.

Another emoji-laden message included the informant's photo and asked if anyone ever sees him, then adds, "If so (shoot) his head..."

The postings were fantasies, not serious threats, Staniel said in a July letter to a federal judge asking to be released from jail pending trial.

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NATION

Texas student charged in death of campus officer

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — A 19-year-old university student in West Texas was charged early Tuesday with capital murder of a peace officer in the fatal shooting of a police officer at the campus police station, where he was being questioned in a drug-related case, authorities said.

According to a Texas Tech University statement, campus police made a student welfare check Monday evening and, upon entering the room, found evidence of

drugs and drug paraphernalia. Officers then took the suspect to the police station for a standard debriefing and to prepare to take him to the Lubbock County jail, Texas Tech police Chief Kyle Bonath said.

"During this time, the suspect pulled a gun and mortally shot an officer," Bonath said. "The suspect fled on foot and was later apprehended by ... (campus police) near the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum."

The suspect, identified by the university as Hollis Daniels, was tackled by officers in a parking lot adjacent to the coliseum.

It is not clear if Daniels had the gun on him when he was taken to the police station or if he took the weapon from an officer.

Online jail records don't indi-



Emergency personnel gather Monday on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock, Texas, where a 19-year-old student is accused of fatally shooting a university police officer.

cate whether he has an attorney to speak on his behalf.

"The family of the officer is in the thoughts and prayers of the Texas Tech community," said Texas Tech President Lawrence Schovanec. "I want to express my deep appreciation to the Texas Tech Police Department, Lubbock Police Department, Lubbock Sheriff's Office and other

state and federal law enforcement officials for their response."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott also issued a statement about the shooting late Monday, saying "hearts go out to the family of the police officer killed."

Abbott also said he had mobilized state law enforcement resources to aid in the investigation.

Police kill student after car crashes

By FREIDA FRISARO
AND DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — The minute before a 22-year-old Temple University student drove her BMW into a Florida police officer and was fatally shot "played out like a movie set" on Miami Beach, said a retired homicide detective who witnessed the incident.

Cariann Hithon, of Bowie, Md., crashed into several cars Sunday evening as people watched from

sidewalk cafes in the tourist district known as South Beach, police said.

"It played out like a movie set with people running, screaming, car crashes,

gunshots, an injured officer lying on his back on the ground — all within a minute," retired Miami-Dade homicide detective John Butchko, whose car Hithon hit, told the Miami Herald.

Butchko's passenger, Miami Beach lawyer Sean Ellsworth, added: "I was literally shocked she would drive into four or five officers. She just floored it."

Ellsworth and Butchko suffered minor injuries.

The reason Hithon tried to flee may never be known. But investigators said they believe Hithon and her male friend — who was seen by witnesses casually getting out of the car before she accelerated — may have been drinking heavily earlier Sunday. Hithon was in town to celebrate her birthday.

Hithon's father, retired U.S. Navy Capt. Cary Hithon, told The Associated Press that his daughter wanted to become a lawyer to help people.

Hithon said he has many questions about what happened. But he said the account of events given to him by police does not sound like his daughter.

"The only logical explanation in this situation is she panicked, and things just escalated out of control," he said.

He said she had recently transferred from Hampton University in Virginia to Temple University in Philadelphia and expected to graduate with a degree in political science in the spring.

The nearby Miami-Dade Police Department is investigating the shooting, which is routine in the case of a Miami Beach police shooting.

Hithon was black. Both officers — David Cajuso, who was injured and recovering at home, and the officer who shot Hithon — are white, according to a police report.

Some urge Trump to go on attack against Mueller

By TOM LOBIANCO AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even as President Donald Trump's advisers encourage him to accept the realities of special counsel Robert Mueller's probe, longtime friends and allies are pushing Trump to fight back, citing concerns that his lawyers are naive to the existential threat facing the president.

Trump supporters and associates inside and outside the White House see the conciliatory path as risky to the maverick president's tenure. Instead, they want the street-fighting tweeter to criticize Mueller with abandon.

The struggle between supporters of the legal team's steady, cooperative approach, and the band of Trump loyalists who yearn for a fight comes as the Mueller probe begins lapping at the door of the Oval Office. Mueller, who is investigating the firing of former FBI director James Comey and other key actions of the Trump administration, has signaled that the team intends to interview multiple current and former White House officials in the coming weeks and has requested large batches of documents from the executive branch.

In private, Trump remains relatively calm for now, but that doesn't mean he thinks the Russia probe is legitimate, and he could return to fighting Mueller at any moment, according to a group of about 15 Trump allies, advisers and former campaign aides, who spoke on condition of anonymity to talk candidly about



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Friends and allies are pushing President Donald Trump to fight back against the probe by special counsel Robert Mueller.

private conversations with the White House.

The president still periodically flashes his anger, blasting the Senate intelligence committee's investigation in a tweet last Thursday and urging them to investigate journalists instead of his campaign and family. And in a private dinner with social conservatives last month, Trump expressed frustration over Attorney General Jeff Sessions' recusal, which helped pave the road to Mueller's appointment.

"The president respects what Bob Mueller is doing and has fully cooperated and asked

everyone around him to fully cooperate with Bob," said Trump's attorney, John Dowd. "And as a result," he added, there has been for months "a very productive, professional relationship."

Ty Cobb, the White House lawyer responsible for responding to Mueller's information requests, said it's important to Trump "and the country to get this behind us."

The question of cooperation is far from settled for Trump's allies, many of whom are pressing him to fight Mueller more aggressively.

Supporters of Trump's legal team and the discipline imposed by Chief of Staff John Kelly are hoping that Trump will remain even-keeled and not jeopardize himself with public outbursts. They consider Mueller's appointment the product of the most serious of self-inflicted wounds — Trump's firing of Comey — but are confident Trump will survive the investigation.

But others, including many who worked closely with Trump on his successful election campaign, don't trust Mueller and believe White House lawyers are foolhardy to cooperate when the president is at risk.

The president and his team need to understand that this is a "political brawl" — not just a legal fight — and take that fight to Mueller, said the former campaign aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private discussions with the president and his team.

Court leaves Guantanamo detainee conviction in place

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is leaving in place the conspiracy conviction of Osama bin Laden's former personal assistant by a military

tribunal.

The justices' order Tuesday was issued without comment and could be the final legal appeal by Guantanamo detainee Ali Hamza al-Bahlul.

A military commission convicted Bahlul of conspiracy and other crimes in 2008.

An appellate panel at one point ruled the military tribunal lacked the authority to convict defen-

dants of conspiracy and other crimes that are not international war crimes.

But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit later upheld the conviction.

NATION

'They cannot wait any longer'

Survivors among 1966 bomb disaster cleanup crew sue DOD for information

By DEREK HAWKINS
The Washington Post

On a winter morning in 1966, nuclear weapons fell from the sky over southeastern Spain. High above, an American B-52 bomber on a Cold War alert mission had collided with a refueling plane midflight. The impact blew open the aircraft's belly, sending four hydrogen bombs sailing toward Earth.

Two of the bombs partially detonated near the seaside town of Palomares, blasting craters as big as houses and coating the area in radioactive dust. Both aircraft were destroyed and seven crewmembers were killed.

The U.S. Air Force quietly assembled 1,600 low-ranking troops and rushed them to Palomares to clean up the mess. Among them was Anthony Maloni, then 21 years old, who arrived in the first wave.

For weeks, Maloni and his counterparts toiled in the Spanish countryside, collecting and destroying crops and shoveling soil contaminated by the explosions. Some wore thin surgical masks; others had no protection. They ate local food, drank local water and camped out in tents until their work was done.

Over the following decades, signs of radiation exposure manifested in many of the airmen — everything from hair loss to blood disorders to cancers. But when they went to the Defense Department for help, they were systematically turned away, according to a new lawsuit by Maloni and two veterans groups.

The lawsuit, filed Oct. 3 in U.S. District Court in Connecticut, alleges that an untold number of the airmen involved in the Palomares cleanup have been denied disability benefits because the Defense Department has refused to turn over medical records and other data that would show the extent of their radiation exposure.

Medical issues

Maloni, now 72, says he developed heart disease, psoriasis, eczema, bronchitis and excruciating headaches after working in Palomares. He said he is the only one of his 10 siblings to experience such problems.

After being denied disability benefits from the Department of

Veterans Affairs, Maloni sent multiple Freedom of Information Act requests to the Defense Department seeking medical records and other documents that would support his claims. The two other plaintiffs in the lawsuit — Vietnam Veterans of America and its Connecticut chapter — made similar requests on behalf of airmen who were exposed to radiation during the cleanup.

The Defense Department wrongfully withheld the records, leaving the airmen in the dark, the lawsuit alleges.

"Palomares veterans have waited decades for even basic information about the medical risks that prolonged exposure to radioactive plutonium dust carries," Patti Dumin, president of the Connecticut State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America, said in a statement. "They cannot wait any longer. The Pentagon owes them answers."

A Defense Department spokesman was not immediately available for comment. The department typically does not discuss pending lawsuits. The Air Force has long insisted that there was no dangerous radiation in Palomares and that crews were protected from harmful exposure during the cleanup.

The Palomares Incident

The Jan. 17, 1966, accident, often called the Palomares Incident, is widely viewed as one of the worst nuclear disasters in world history.

The collision occurred as the B-52 bomber was several hours into a nuclear patrol that the U.S. military ran regularly during the Cold War. The non-nuclear portions of two of the bombs carried by the aircraft exploded on impact, blanketing a 500-acre tract of the rustic land in plutonium dust from the weapons' cores. The third bomb fell nearby and was found mostly intact. It took more than two months and a frantic search to discover the fourth, which was pulled from a 2,900-foot canyon in the Mediterranean Sea.

The whole saga has been well documented over the years, but the complaint by Maloni and the veterans groups offers some gritty, ground-level details about the cleanup.

When the operation began, the Air Force ordered the airmen to stand shoulder-to-shoulder and walk slowly across the fields around the crash site, gleaning



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A deep-diving research sub is checked over in June 1966 before a search for a lost Air Force bomb off the coast of Palomares, Spain.

debris from the wreckage. They were provided no training or safety equipment, the lawsuit says.

The men were also given the task of destroying most of the crops in the area. After pulling up garden stakes and slashing through vines with machetes, they would drop the crops into pits and dissolve them with lime or douse them in gasoline and burn them. Maloni said he recalled vomiting "from the thick, acid smoke emanating from the burning vegetation."

The last stage of cleanup involved a massive excavation of contaminated soil.

"Crews bulldozed the earth, sending clouds of plutonium-laced dust into the air," the complaint reads. Other workers spent weeks shoveling tons of soil into barrels which were eventually transported to the United States and buried.

Radiation testing was performed hastily, according to the complaint. A medical team collected urine samples from airmen working at the crash site and conducted environmental testing, but the team had a hard time following laboratory protocols given the conditions on the ground, the lawsuit says.

The Defense Department never informed the majority of the airmen about their results and has resisted requests to do so, according to the complaint.

DOD analysis

A 2001 Pentagon-commissioned study sought to "reconcile" some of the original tests with environmental data, in hopes of providing a more accurate account of the airmen's exposure. The report showed that some airmen did indeed have dangerously high exposure levels,



This B28RI nuclear bomb was recovered from 2,950 feet of water and lifted aboard the USS Petrel 80 days after it fell into the ocean in 1966.

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but other findings were inconclusive, and the Defense Department declined to conduct a further analysis, according to the complaint.

In 2013, the Air Force created a "dose estimate methodology" for the many airmen seeking benefits for what they claimed were Palomares-related disabilities. Most were told their radiation levels were too low to have triggered maladies, according to the complaint. Some were told there was no record of them working at the crash site.

The lawsuit seeks an order compelling the Defense Department to conduct a "reasonable search" for the airmen's records and cover the costs related to the inquiry.

On the 50th anniversary of the disaster last year, The New York Times ran a pair of articles about the lingering effects on the airmen, now senior citizens, and the village where the weapons exploded. The newspaper reviewed a trove of previously classified documents, some of which showed the radiation was so bad that nuclear monitoring equipment went "off the scales" and indicated "alarmingly high" plutonium contamination among the people involved in the cleanup.

The Times identified 40 veterans who participated in the cleanup. Twenty-one of them had cancer,

and nine had died from it, according to the report.

The Air Force Medical Service responded to the Times's stories in a statement saying that it had recently used modern methods to test the radiation risk among the veterans. "Adverse acute health effects were neither expected nor observed, and long-term risks for increased incidence of cancer to the bone, liver and lungs were low," the service said.

Victor Skaar was one of the men who was tasked with collecting urine from the troops working in Palomares. He was mentioned in the text of the veterans' lawsuit but not named as a party.

In 1983, Skaar developed leukemia, a reduction in white blood cells. Doctors said it was brought on by his exposure to plutonium, as he told the News-Leader in Springfield, Mo., last year. He has also fought skin cancer and prostate cancer, according to the lawsuit.

Skaar told the News-Leader that the Department of Veteran's Affairs had denied his medical claims because there was no record of him being exposed to radiation.

"Veterans my age are being ignored because, hell, we're going to die soon anyway," he said.

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A man shouts during a rally Tuesday in Barcelona, Spain, before Catalonia President Carles Puigdemont addressed Parliament.

Catalonia independence on hold

The Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Catalan President Carles Puigdemont told the Catalan parliament that a landslide victory in the region's disputed Oct. 1 referendum on independence gives his government grounds to implement its long-held desire to break century-old ties with Spain. But he is suggesting holding off.

Puigdemont's speech was highly critical of the Spanish government's response to the referendum, but he said Catalans have nothing against Spain or Spaniards, and that they want to understand each other better.

At the end of his speech, Puigdemont was applauded by standing separatist lawmakers.

Some 2.3 million Catalans — or 43 percent of the electorate in the north-eastern region — turned out to vote in the Oct. 1 independence referendum, which the Spanish government said was illegal. Regional authorities say 90 percent who voted were in favor and declared the results of the vote valid.

The opposition leader in Catalonia's parliament said Puigdemont's claim that he has a mandate to declare independence from Spain "is a coup" and has no support in Europe.

Opposition leader Ines Arrimadas of the Ciudadanos (Citizens) party said most Catalans feel they are Catalans, Spanish and European and that they won't let regional officials "break their

hearts."

Security was tight in Barcelona and police cordoned off a park surrounding the legislative building where Puigdemont gave his address to lawmakers.

The speech, initially scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., was delayed by an hour following a request by Puigdemont because a parliamentary group needed to hold a meeting on opposition lawmakers' request to cancel the session.

Before the speech, in Brussels, European Council President Donald Tusk pleaded directly with the Catalan leadership to choose dialogue rather than a divisive call for independence.

"I ask you to respect in your intentions the constitutional order and not to announce a decision

that would make such a dialogue impossible," he said.

If Puigdemont had declared secession — or an outright proclamation of a new Catalan Republic — it would have been met with fierce opposition by central Spanish authorities, who could take the unprecedented step of suspending the self-government of Catalonia and taking over some or all powers in the region.

Puigdemont himself could end up in prison.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's government had repeatedly refused to grant Catalonia permission to hold a referendum on grounds that it was unconstitutional since it would only poll a portion of Spain's 46 million residents.

Weather hits European grape harvest hard

BRUSSELS — The European Union is heading for its smallest grape harvest in 36 years, with production down by as much as a third in some areas. The quality of the wines, though, is expected to be excellent.

The EU's Copca-Cogeca farm union announced Tuesday that spring hail and frost, combined with a sustained drought during the summer, have hit the vines hard and will cut wine production to 145 million hectoliters, a level not seen since 1981.

Thierry Coste, the chairman of Copca-Cogeca wine division, said that overall the harvest in the 28-nation bloc will be down 14 percent. In France, production will be down 18 percent, and in Italy, the biggest wine producer in Europe, it will have sunk by 26 percent compared with last year.

Blank ID papers stolen from Berlin office

BERLIN — Police say burglars have broken into the German capital's immigration office and stolen blank identification documents, stamps and seals.

Police spokesman Martin Halweg said Tuesday that the blank documents could be used to forge various kinds of German residency permits.

Halweg said the burglars broke into four different rooms, broke a safe and covered the floors with white powder from a fire extinguisher. He said the break-in took place early Monday and police are investigating.

Police said all documents have a serial number and would be automatically flagged as stolen during identity checks.

Dutch cannabis farms included in policy plan

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — From tax cuts to lessons in Dutch national identity and an experiment with state-sanctioned cannabis plantations, a center-right, four-party coalition led by Prime Minister Mark Rutte has finalized its policy blueprint for the coming four years.

In an experiment aimed at getting a grip on the huge illegal cannabis growing industry supplying the world famous Dutch cafes allowed to sell small amounts of pot, the government wants to sanction a small number of officially-tolerated cannabis plantations.

Kim Jong Un's sister gets promotion

TOKYO — Kim Jong Un has promoted his younger sister to a new post within North Korea's ruling party.

The promotion of Kim Yo Jong came at a meeting of senior party members as North Korea marked the 20th anniversary of Kim Jong Il's acceptance of the title of general secretary of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea.

Kim Yo Jong was made an alternate member of the decision-making political bureau of the party's central committee.

From The Associated Press

Turkish president: US Consulate worker is a spy

By SUZAN FRASER
AND DUSAN STOJANOVIC
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday branded a U.S. Consulate staffer who was arrested by Turkish authorities a spy and said it was Turkey's rights to take steps against "an internal threat," in the latest swipe in an escalating feud with the United States.

Speaking at a news conference in Belgrade, Serbia, Erdogan also accused the U.S. ambassador to Turkey of wrecking ties between the NATO allies by suspending the issuing of visas to Turkish citizens at U.S. diplomatic missions following the arrest of Metin Topuz, a Turkish citizen employed at the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul.

assess Turkey's commitment to the safety of U.S. personnel. Turkey retaliated by halting visas services in the U.S.

"How did these spies infiltrate the American Consulate? If they didn't infiltrate the American Consulate, who put them there?" Erdogan said, speaking alongside the Serbian president. "No state would allow such spies that pose an internal threat."

He was referring to Topuz as well as a second consulate employee whom Turkish authorities say they want to question.

Turkish authorities accuse Topuz of espionage and alleged ties to U.S.-based cleric Fethullah Gulen's movement, which Turkey says was behind last year's failed coup.

Earlier, Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said Turkey did not need Washington's permission to prosecute its citizens and slammed the U.S. for the arrest of a Turkish banker for his alleged role in helping Iran es-

cape U.S. sanctions, and for its failure to extradite Gulen.

U.S. Ambassador John Bass said in a video message released late Monday that Turkish authorities had failed to show any evidence against Topuz and that he had insufficient access to a lawyer. He also said the arrest "raised questions whether the goal of some officials is to disrupt the long-standing cooperation between Turkey and the U.S."

Ties between the two NATO allies were already strained over Gulen's presence in the United States and Washington's support for Syrian Kurdish militia, whom Turkey considers to be terrorists because of their links to Kurdish militants fighting Turkey. Separate indictments in the U.S. against Erdogan's bodyguards who were embroiled in violence and against the banker and a former Turkish economy minister accused of conspiring to violate U.S. sanctions had deepened the rift.

WORLD

Japanese court rules against government in Fukushima suit

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO — A Japanese court on Tuesday ordered the government and the operator of the Fukushima nuclear plant to pay \$4.5 million to thousands of area residents and evacuees who were demanding compensation for their livelihoods lost in the 2011 nuclear crisis.

The Fukushima District Court said the government had failed to order Tokyo Electric Power Co. to improve safety measures despite knowing as early as 2002 of a risk of a massive tsunami in the region.

The 3,800 plaintiffs, who sued in 2015, form the largest group among about 30 similar lawsuits involving 12,000 people pending

across Japan.

Closely monitored as a measure of government responsibility, Tuesday's ruling was the second verdict that held the government accountable in the Fukushima meltdowns, increasing hopes for other pending cases.

The court upheld the plaintiffs' argument that the disaster could have been prevented if the Economy and Industry Ministry had ordered TEPCO to move emergency diesel generators from the basement to higher ground and make the reactor buildings water-tight based on 2002 data that suggested there was a risk of a tsunami as high as 51 feet.

The court also upheld arguments by the plaintiffs that TEPCO ignored another chance to take safety measures when a

government study group warned in 2008 of a major tsunami triggering a power outage at the plant.

The tsunami that swept into the plant on March 11, 2011, knocked out the reactors' cooling system and destroyed the backup generators that could have kept it running and kept the nuclear fuel stable.

The government and the utility have argued that a tsunami as high as what occurred could not have been anticipated and that the accident was unavoidable.

Nuclear Regulation Authority spokesman Kazuhiro Okuma told reporters that the authority plans to discuss whether to appeal the ruling with other government agencies. He said the regulatory authority is determined to fulfill its duty to strictly examine reac-



Kyodo News/AP

Lawyers show banners reading "Victory" following a verdict in the Fukushima nuclear disaster case outside Fukushima District Court on Tuesday.

tor safety under the new standard based on the lessons learned from the Fukushima accident.

Tuesday's ruling dismissed the plaintiffs' demand that radiation levels in their former neighbor-

hoods be reduced to pre-disaster levels.

TEPCO is still struggling with the plant's decommissioning, which is expected to take decades.



Kyodo News/AP

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe greets the crowd during his party's election campaign in Fukushima, eastern Japan, on Tuesday.

Japan's Abe pledges stability as election campaign begins

Associated Press

TOKYO — Hundreds of candidates took to the streets Tuesday as the official 12-day campaigning period for Japan's Oct. 22 lower house election kicked off, with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling party facing challenges from regrouped opposition forces.

Up for grabs are 465 seats in the more powerful of Japan's two-chamber parliament.

Abe pledged his party's stable leadership as he sought voters' support, promising a tougher stance on North Korea, as well as social security reform to relieve burdens on younger generations in Japan's rapidly aging society.

"We should stay unwavering," Abe said. "It is the policies, rather than a boom or slogans, that can open the future."

Abe's Liberal Democratic Party

and its coalition partner, Komei, are expected to win a majority, though a surging new conservative group, the Party of Hope, led by Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike, and a liberal-leaning Constitutional Democratic Party are likely to take some seats away. The two new groups were created in the process of breaking up what used to be the main opposition Democratic Party.

Constitutional Democratic Party leader Yukio Edano said Abe's nearly five years of pro-business policies have escalated Japan's social divide.

"We must regain decent lives," Edano said. "We are going to change politics into one that is based on the people's voices, not one that comes down from up above."

Chemist: Kim had 1.4 times lethal dosage of VX nerve agent on face

By EILEEN NG
Associated Press

SHAH ALAM, Malaysia — The estranged half brother of North Korea's leader had about 1.4 times the lethal dosage of VX nerve agent on his face after he was attacked at a Malaysian airport, a government chemist testified Tuesday.

VX was found on Kim Jong Nam's face, in his eye and in his blood plasma, Raja Subramaniam, who heads the Center of Chemical Weapons Analysis laboratory, said at the murder trial of two women accused of smearing the chemical weapon on Kim in the brazen assassination in February.

VX and related products were also detected on the clothes the women were wearing on the day of the attack. On Monday the trial moved temporarily to a high-security laboratory so the judge, attorneys and the defendants could examine the clothing before it was officially accepted as evidence.

Resuming his testimony Tuesday, Raja described VX's lethal potential. He said animal studies showed the lethal dosage is 0.142 milligrams per kilogram of body weight, and that 50 percent of the tested population will die when exposed to this dosage on their skin.

Raja estimated the concentration on Kim's facial skin was 0.2 milligram per kilogram of body weight.

Asked if that amount was enough to kill him, Raja said: "I can't give a direct answer on this. Based on concentrate estimate, it is about 1.4 times the lethal

dosage."

He acknowledged that more of the poison might be needed to kill a heavier person but had no data on it. He said the VX concentration in Kim's eye was estimated at only 0.03 milligrams per kilogram of his body weight, but that correlated to VX penetrating faster through the eye than through the skin. VX was also found on the collar and sleeves of Kim's blazer, probably because he wiped his face on his blazer after the attack, Raja said.

The two defendants, Doan Thi Huong from Vietnam and Siti Aisyah from Indonesia, pleaded not guilty at the start of the trial last week to murder charges that carry a mandatory death sentence if they are convicted.

Raja's finding of VX on the women's clothing and on Huong's fingernails was the first evidence linking VX to the two suspects. Their attorneys have said the women were duped by suspected North Korean agents into believing they were playing a harmless prank for a hidden camera TV show.

VX is banned by an international treaty as a weapon of mass destruction. It is believed to be part of North Korea's chemical weapons arsenal.

Kim was the eldest son in the current generation of North Korea's dynastic rulers but lived in virtual exile as an apparent family outcast. North Korea experts say he may have been killed because he was perceived as a threat to the nation's current leader, Kim Jong Un.

Shark suit runs afoul of ban on face coverings

Associated Press

VIENNA — Austrian police issued citations Monday to two people who contravened a law banning full face coverings. One was an Algerian millionaire activist who says such laws are directed against Muslim women, and the other a man wearing a shark suit.

Activist Rachid Nekkaz was fined nearly \$60 after he appeared in front of Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz's ministry with a large photo of Kurz around his

neck, fully masked and in a black suit festooned with 100-euro bills. Kurz heads the center-right People's Party, is a key supporter of the law and has led his party into first place before the Oct. 15 election on a campaign that exploits broad anti-Muslim sentiments.

Nekkaz has been in the news for paying fines imposed by police in European Union nations with such bans, which are generally directed against full-face veils worn by some Muslim women.

Police issued their second mis-

demeanor citation after a man — part of a street advertising campaign for the McShark computer chain stores — refused several requests to take off his shark head.

The law, popularly known as the "burqa ban," prohibits most full face coverings in public, including off-slope ski masks, surgical masks outside hospitals and party masks on the street.

Only a handful of citations have been issued since it took effect this month.

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OPINION

Congress must weigh in on Yemen

By DANIEL DEPETRIS
Special to the Los Angeles Times

The ongoing civil war in Yemen was instigated by the region's major powers, with Iran on one side and a Saudi Arabia-led coalition of Persian Gulf states on the other. The fighting — especially airstrikes by Saudi and United Arab Emirates pilots — has devastated Yemen, one of the Arab world's poorest nations. It has created what three U.N. agencies call "the world's largest humanitarian crisis." Sixty percent of the Yemeni population is "food insecure"; 700,000 have been infected with cholera, a deadly disease spread by a lack of clean water and sanitation.

There are plenty of man-made catastrophes around the world today, but the conflict in Yemen is distinct because the United States is not a bystander or neutral arbiter. We have gone along for the ride, providing indirect military assistance on the Saudi side.

Without congressional authorization — and without a peep from the leaders of either party — the Obama and Trump administrations make the U.S. a participant. Now a bipartisan group of House members is invoking the War Powers Act of 1973 and demanding that Congress either support our involvement in Yemen or direct the president to end it.

Since March 2015, when the Saudi coalition began bombing Houthi rebels in support of the Yemeni government, the U.S. Air Force has assisted — enabled — Riyadh and its allies in the air campaign. Americans aren't pulling triggers, but we are integral protagonists in the fight.

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Air Force intelligence identifies Houthi targets to hit and civilian facilities to avoid. At the United Nations, in the Security Council and the Human Rights Council, Washington has protected Riyadh from censure, watering down resolutions and preventing war crimes inquiries. Most important, throughout the war, Saudi and Emirati jets have used U.S. midair refueling capabilities to keep the pace of operations without having to return to a base.

According to Pentagon statistics, the Air Force has refueled Saudi aircraft more than 9,000 times. American pilots don't have to traverse Yemeni airspace to reach coalition planes, which keeps us technically out of the fighting, but without this U.S. help, it is unlikely the Saudi side could maintain its participation in what regional analysts already call a quagmire.

Congress has had no say in U.S. involvement in the war. Out of cowardice, political concerns, general disinterest in Yemen or (unjustified) allegiance to Saudi Arabia, lawmakers have not debated — let alone voted on — whether U.S. national security interests are served by picking winners and losers in a proxy contest between rival Mideast factions. U.S. participation has been left to the president to decide, as if Congress had no responsibility in scrutinizing American foreign policy.

This is not what the Founders envisioned. The Constitution places no higher priority

on the legislative branch than determining when the U.S. will send its servicemen and women into war. In this case, long before the military aid was offered, the American people, through their elected representatives, should have had a national debate about what, if any, U.S. objectives would be served by entering the Yemen conflict, what military support would be required, whether diplomatic conditions should be attached to military action and how aiding Riyadh's bombing campaign could affect our other interests in the region. (In fact, the destruction of Yemen has strengthened al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula and worked against our counterterrorism operations there.)

On Sept. 27, Reps. Ro Khanna, D-Calif.; Thomas Massie, R-Ky.; Mark Pocan, D-Wis.; and Walter Jones, R-N.C., stepped in to fill the void in congressional leadership. They introduced a concurrent resolution under the War Powers Act, demanding an end to U.S. involvement in the Yemen civil war in 30 days unless Congress votes otherwise. Under provisions in the act, such a resolution supposedly cannot be stalled or buried in committee. If the House Foreign Affairs Committee does not move the resolution forward within 15 days — sometime this week — it can be brought to the floor for debate and a vote anyway.

Supporters and opponents of U.S. policy in Yemen should make their case to the American people through Congress, just as the founders intended and the Constitution requires. Lawmakers have the power to make that happen, but that power is meaningless if they refuse to use it.

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US gets back as much as it gives in foreign aid

By TAMELA NOBOA
Special to The Baltimore Sun

How much of the United States federal budget goes to foreign aid? When the Kaiser Family Foundation asked that question in a 2015 poll, nearly a fifth of people couldn't even venture to guess. Of those who answered, most said between 5 and 15 percent, and 10 percent of those thought we give away nearly \$3.8 trillion federal budget to other nations.

In reality, foreign assistance makes up less than 1 percent of the U.S. budget. Another 1 percent or so funds the State Department. In comparison, America spends nearly five times as much on interest on our national debt.

We do Americans get in return for foreign assistance? A lot.

For starters, we are able to stop deadly diseases before they reach our shores, promote American exports, counter violent extremism, combat climate change and Russian hacking, and support our overseas ambassadors and strategic allies across the world. The men and women of the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development deserve our full commitment to their safety and to providing the tools they need to advance our interests globally.

Next, we make a tangible, lasting difference in the lives of billions of people. With funding from USAID and other aid agencies, organizations such as Pact, an international development nonprofit on whose board I sit, help people around the world to live healthier, safer and more financially and physically secure lives. As we face global challenges such as the refugee crisis and violent extremism, America's

leadership has never been more vital in the world.

Consider the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, a U.S. effort launched by President George W. Bush in 2003 to try to end the global HIV epidemic. Although it is perennially threatened by budget cuts, as of 2016, it had helped provide antiretroviral treatment for 11.5 million people, care for 6 million orphans and vulnerable children, training for 220,000 new health care workers, and testing and counseling for 11 million people, including 5 million pregnant women. We've saved millions of lives and millions of dollars at the same time. Preventing disease is a lot cheaper than treating it.

But direct recipients of such aid are not the only beneficiaries. You and I are, too. Many aid organizations, including Pact, focus on systemic, sustainable change, rather than one-time aid. That means we are creating stable, resilient communities around the world, which makes all of us safer.

And then there are the economic benefits. South Korea, Japan, Ghana, Kenya, Vietnam and Germany all have depended on U.S. aid. Now each is playing a major role in the global economy and providing stable, profitable markets for companies such as Coca-Cola, Apple and Microsoft. Visit any of these places and you'll find a profusion of American products and brands.

Companies from these countries, in turn, are investing in America, creating high-paying jobs from the Rust Belt to the Deep South. As of 2015, cumulative foreign direct investment in the U.S. totaled \$3.1 trillion. Among the largest investors are the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany and South Korea — all countries that re-

built after war with America's financial support.

In 1736, when Philadelphia was threatened by fire, Benjamin Franklin wisely proclaimed, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." American investments in foreign aid save U.S. taxpayers billions because we are preventing famine, poverty, disease and war, rather than struggling with the aftermath on our own shores and around the globe.

Our leadership in the world is achieved in large part because of foreign aid. I was reminded of this recently while listening to Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., as he spoke at an event hosted by Devex in Washington about the challenging landscape that today's development organizations face. A true champion of U.S. foreign development assistance, Cardin reminded me that America's strength is in its ideals. Our generosity, empathy and tolerance, he said, demonstrate our leadership at its best. I couldn't agree more.

It's why I decided to spend some of the first years of my professional life in Benin and South Africa working in education for the United Kingdom. And now why today I am the managing director of Discovery Learning Alliance, a nonprofit that uses the power of media to transform education and improve lives in the developing world.

I believe strongly in the tangible results that large values add through foreign aid. And at just 1 percent of our federal budget, I'd argue the wide-ranging returns are one of the best deals in Washington.

This is a 1 percent we should all be fighting for.

Tamela Noboa is a Pact board member and managing director of the Maryland-based Discovery Learning Alliance.

Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



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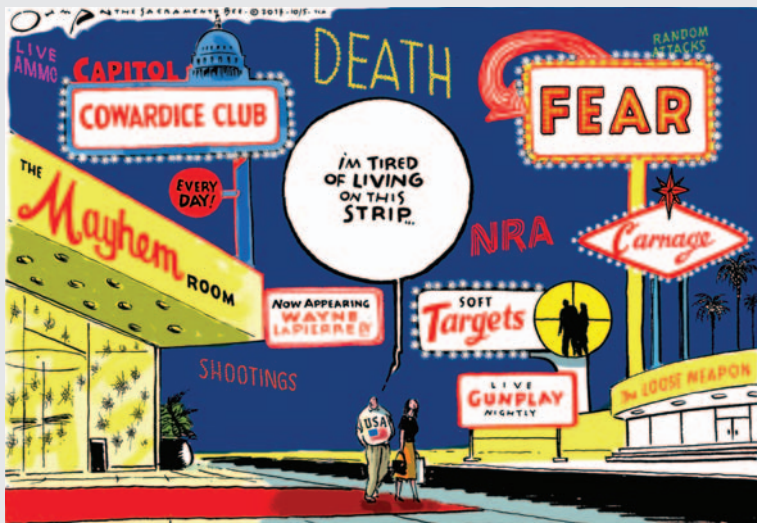
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Military re-enactment alarms churchgoers

FL BELLEVUE — Sounds of rapid machine-gun and cannon fire cut through the Sunday morning quiet, sending members of a nearby Florida church diving for cover as they feared a repeat of the recent mass shooting in Las Vegas.

"It was crazy," said Bellevue Church of Christ Pastor David Creek. He told the Ocala Star-Banner he had just made reference to the Las Vegas shooting in his Sunday morning sermon when the first shots sounded.

The "gunfire" turned out to be coming from a re-enactment group. David Thomas, president of the First Florida chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, said the annual re-enactment involved a mix of five vintage tanks and blank fire from tank guns and machine guns.

Golf cart driver struck and killed on highway

MD PRINCE FREDERICK — The driver of a golf cart died after he was struck by a car on a southern Maryland highway.

The Washington Post reported the accident occurred about 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

According to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, the golf cart driver, who was not identified, was flung from his cart when he struck a curb trying to cross Maryland Route 4, a divided highway also known as Southern Maryland Boulevard.

The man was then struck by passing vehicles. The Post said it's unclear why the man was driving the cart on the highway.

Woman lights firework she thought was candle

IL ANTIOCH — A 30-year-old woman was injured after lighting a firework she mistook for a candle.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office said someone else brought the firework to a Saturday night gathering in Antioch, 50 miles from Chicago. The woman picked it up thinking it was a candle and lit it.

The explosion seriously injured her hand. It also injured another adult and a child, who were treated at the scene.

The sheriff's office described the firework as multicolored and the size of "a quarter-stick of dynamite." A 28-year-old who allegedly brought it to the gathering was charged with reckless conduct and child endangerment.

Mulch dropped from helicopter kills man

UT SALT LAKE CITY — Authorities said an Alpine man died after being struck on the head by debris dropped from a helicopter in the Iron County area.

Crews on Saturday were conducting aerial drops of straw mulch over the burn scar left by the Brian Head Fire in July. The Deseret News reported that a 58-year-old crewmember was on the ground calling out locations when he was struck by the mulch when he was hit



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It's a walk in the park, zombie-style

Above: Tom Pryor, of Old Bridge, N.J., and Dave Fischer, of South Ambory, N.J., appear at the Asbury Park Zombie Walk in Asbury Park, N.J. Hundreds of "undead" people gathered at the New Jersey shore to take part in the annual walk Saturday. The event featured a variety of mutated characters, including four undead Disney princesses and gory nurses. A zombie Donald Trump was seen pushing a tombstone with his name on it and throwing paper towels into the crowd. The Girl Scout's nightmare, Beth Barnardo, top right, of Spring Lake Heights, N.J., also attended, as did Derek Kravitz, bottom right, of Brick, N.J.

by falling debris. Authorities said the helicopter pilot noticed the injured man and contacted another ground crew, which called 911.

Man killed lay dead for hours near street

AK KETCHIKAN — An Alaska man lay dead near the streets of Ketchikan for more than 12 hours before police were called to check on him.

The Ketchikan Daily News reported that police were alerted to the body of Richard Branda, 55, late Friday morning after he had been killed Thursday evening. Police have arrested a man in connection with the death.

Ketchikan Police Department Chief Joe White said the caller reported that Branda was possibly asleep or passed out. The body was near a sidewalk between shipping containers and a building.

Authorities have not identified a cause of death, but they say some sort of physical altercation occurred between Branda and the man arrested. Police said the suspect turned himself in.

Couples compete in wife-carrying contest

ME NEWRY — It was a messy slog but a

Virginia couple reaped the rewards of cash and beer in the North American Wife Carrying Championship.

Jake and Kirsten Barney, of Lexington, Va., finished first Saturday on an alpine course made all the more difficult because Jake was carrying his wife on his back when he trudged through water and jumped over logs.

The event is based on the Finnish legend of "Ronkainen the Robber," whose gang pillaged villages and took the women.

Gubernatorial candidate needs only 1 vote to win

MT MANHATTAN — There's one person running for mayor of Manhattan, and he only needs to vote for himself to win.

The Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported that Glen Clements was the only person to apply to be a write-in candidate for the position on the November ballot. Under Montana law, any other write-in votes won't be counted because he's the only registered write-in candidate.

The Navy veteran and geological engineer has lived in the town of about 1,500 people for six years. Clements said his neighbors — the city's secretary and a police officer — told him no one was running and encouraged him to.

Environmental officials fine inmate for trash

OR COOS BAY — Oregon environmental regulators issued a fine against a Coos County man for tons of trash piled up around his property near the Oregon Coast, but the case has a twist.

The Register-Guard reported that the state Department of Environmental Quality sent the man notice of the \$25,393 fine while he's serving a five-year prison sentence. Willy Joe Jenkins is an inmate at Snake River Correctional Institute in Ontario. He was convicted in 2015 of gun and methamphetamine crimes.

The DEQ gave Jenkins until mid-November to clean up the mess, but he still has more than two years to serve in prison.

Mom leaves child alone in car during jail visit

FL ORLANDO — Officials said a Florida resident left her 3-year-old child alone in a vehicle while she visited an inmate at a jail.

Local news outlets said Rachael Etienne, 21, was charged with child neglect on Sunday.

Orange County Deputy Ingrid Tejeda-Monforte said corrections officials found the child while

making rounds at the jail. The car was locked and the engine turned off and the windows were slightly opened. The temperature in Orlando at the time was 90 degrees.

An arrest affidavit says surveillance video shows the child was in the car alone for about 18 minutes. Tejeda-Monforte said the child was sweating profusely but otherwise uninjured.

The Department of Children and Families turned the child over to the custody of a family member.

Police subdue naked man wielding tomahawk

OH CINCINNATI — Police near Cincinnati said a naked man tried to use a tomahawk and bayonet to attack officers responding to a call at a home and is now charged with felonious assault.

Colerain Township police said the 52-year-old man rushed toward officers and repeatedly asked them to kill him during the Oct. 1 confrontation outside a relative's home. Instead, police body camera video captured officers using a stun gun and firing rounds of an irritant chemical with incapacitating effects similar to pepper spray.

They say the man was subdued and taken to a hospital.

From wire reports

FACES

Fresh look at 'Last Jedi'

Hamill's Skywalker highlights new trailer

Associated Press

Disney's Lucasfilm has released a new trailer for "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," the second installment in the sequel trilogy to the original films.

The trailer features new and familiar characters. Rey (Daisy Ridley) is shown wielding her light saber and questioning her destiny as Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) observes, "I've seen this raw strength only once

before. It didn't scare me enough then. It does now."

John Boyega, Oscar Isaac and Carrie Fisher also appear in the trailer, as does Chewbacca and a new birdlike creature known as a Porg. Fisher completed her work on the film before her death last December.

"The Last Jedi" is set to hit theaters Dec. 15. Watch the trailer at tinyurl.com/y8nnvazu.



Industrial Light & Magic, Lucasfilm

Hollywood stars loudly condemning Harvey Weinstein

The Hollywood establishment, slow to react to the initial sexual harassment allegations against Harvey Weinstein, began speaking out against him more forcefully Monday after the powerful studio boss was fired by his own company.

George Clooney called Harvey Weinstein's alleged behavior "indefensible" in an interview where he suggested it was well known that the Weinstein Co. chairman was "a dog," but that few understood his conduct constituted "harassment on a very high level."

In remarks to the Daily Beast, Clooney credited Weinstein for giving him his first big break as an actor in "From Dusk Till Dawn" and as a director in "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind." But he said "I've never seen any of this behavior—ever."

"A lot of people are doing the 'you had to know' thing right now, and yes, if you're asking if I knew that someone who was very powerful had a tendency to hit on young, beautiful women, sure," said Clooney. "But I had no idea that it had gone to the level of having to pay off eight women for their silence, and that these women were threatened and victimized."

Among others weighing in were his longtime allies and beneficiaries Meryl Streep, Kate Winslet, Kevin Smith and Judi Dench. They spoke up with a combination of disgust over his alleged behavior and remorse or defensiveness over their own business entanglements with him. Even the actors' labor union SAG-AFTRA joined the chorus in condemning the disgraced movie mogul, calling reports of his alleged conduct "abhorrent and unacceptable."

Director Kevin Smith, whose movies "Clerks" and "Chasing Amy" were produced by Weinstein, noted on Twitter that the producer financed the first 14 years of his career.

"Now I know while I was profiting, others were in terrible pain," Smith wrote. "It makes me feel ashamed."

Weinstein, 65, was fired Sunday by the Weinstein Co., the studio he co-founded, three days after a bombshell New York Times expose alleged decades of crude sexual behavior on his part toward female employees and actresses, including Ashley Judd.

Jennifer Lawrence condemned Weinstein in statement Monday, writing that she had never experienced any harassment by him and had not heard allegations of inappropriate behavior before the Times story was published.

The actress won an Academy Award for 2012's "Silver Linings Playbook," which was produced by The Weinstein Co.

"My heart goes out to all of the women affected by these gross actions. And I want to thank them for their bravery to come forward," Lawrence said.

A studio insider who spoke on condition of anonymity and The Associated Press said the Weinstein Co. plans to change its name.

From The Associated Press

Bananarama reunites, plans first tour of US

By HILARY FOX
Associated Press

It took a kitchen sing-song to get '80s British pop group Bananarama back together and out on the road after 30 years.

The girl group's original members — Sarah Dallin, Keren Woodward and Siobhan Fahey — say they are touring the U.S. for the first time in February.

Fahey led the band in 1988 to form Shakespeares Sister, and Dallin and Woodward recently have been performing as a duo. They were joined briefly by Jacqui O'Sullivan, who took part in a 1989 world tour but left in 1991.

"We were having a dance around Siobhan's kitchen a few years ago," Woodward told The Associated Press. "And I said to her, 'you just don't understand the love and how it feels when you are getting your songs sung,' and I just thought it was such a shame she had never experienced it with us and it just seemed like such a crying shame, really."

Fahey, who now lives in Los Angeles, said she was excited to perform the band's songs live.

"I am re-familiarizing myself with our body of work over the summer," she said. "I was so proud; it is really something to celebrate."

Some British tour dates have already sold out.

"It has been a constant love wave, actually, this time around. Times have changed, and people seem to appreciate us a lot more this time," says Fahey.

Bananarama's stateside success began with "Cruel Summer" in 1983, which became a hit after the track was picked to appear on the soundtrack for "Karate Kid."

The group said it realized how big the song had become when Mike Tyson once sang the lyrics to them as they walked past him.

Further hits included "Venus," "I Heard a Rumor" and "Robert DeNiro's Waiting," which led to a London meeting with the Oscar-winning actor.

The group was once named by the Guinness World Records as the most successful girl group of all time.

The group's North American tour begins in Los Angeles on Feb. 20.



GRANT POLLARD, INVISION/AP

'Bananarama' — from left, Siobhan Fahey, Sara Dallin and Keren Woodward — is back together after thirty years, and plans to tour the U.S. in February for the first time.

'American Horror Story' tones down scene of gun violence

Associated Press

FX network is making what it calls "substantial edits" to tone down the gun violence in a scene that was set to air during Tuesday's episode of "American Horror Story."

The network said Monday it would substitute the edited version of that opening scene "in light of the tragedy last week in Las Vegas."

The scene, filmed two months ago, portrays an occurrence of gun violence that, in the network's words, "has sadly become all too common in our country." FX said some viewers might have found it traumatic.

FX said the unedited version would be available through its on-demand platforms.

Other news

■ Meghan McCain was welcomed to the air Monday as the newest co-host of ABC's "The View." McCain, the daughter of Sen. John McCain, will represent a conservative perspective on the daily chat show. McCain joins a panel that also includes moderator Whoopi Goldberg and co-hosts Joy Behar, Sara Haines, Sunny Hostin and Paula Farris.

■ Actor, musician and playwright Jeff Daniels plans to premiere his new play fo-

cused on the Flint, Mich., water crisis early next year. Daniels says that the play, "Flint," seeks to examine the crisis. Flint's water system became poisoned when the city used Flint River water for 18 months.

■ The celebrated picture book "Corduroy" will soon have a new sequel, written by an Oscar-nominated actress: Viola Davis. Viking Children's Books told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Davis is writing "Corduroy Takes a Bow," which continues the story of the teddy bear made famous in Don Freeman's million-selling book. The sequel is scheduled to come out Sept. 11, 2018, marking the original's 50th anniversary.

NATION



PHOTOS BY EDWARD STRATTON, THE (ASTORIA, ORE.) DAILY ASTORIAN/AP

Jennifer Jordan, CEO of Clatsop Community College's underwater robotics team, pilots the robot Lazarus last month off the coast of Oswald West State Park, Ore., in a search for the Beeswax shipwreck.

Searchers scan off Ore. coast for fabled shipwreck

By EDWARD STRATTON

The (Astoria, Ore.) Daily Astorian

ASTORIA, Ore. — The side-scan sonar on the hull of Bob Magie's chartered catamaran Sovereign painted an image of a rocky seabed beneath the hulking mass of Neahkahnie Mountain, just south of Short Sands beach.

He and Chris Dewey, president of the Maritime Archaeological Society, looked for pieces of hull, a mast — any sign of a shipwreck they believe rests off the coast.

Sonar scans, magnetometer spikes and brief glimpses during dives have led researchers repeatedly to the rocky shores off Oswald West. Based on artifacts, historical ship records and beachcomber discoveries, the archaeological society believes the so-called "Beeswax" wreck is the Santo Cristo de Burgos, a 17th-century Spanish galleon sailing from the Philippines to Mexico.

The society was funded for a week of field operations in the ocean on Magie's boat by a \$6,000 Preserving Oregon Grant from the State Historic Preservation Office. But uncooperative sea conditions and broken magnetometers limited the researchers to two days on the sea.

On the first day, they used Magie's sonar to gather images of the coast from Cape Falcon to Manzanita to study for possible future outings.

Instead of magnetometers, the society on the second day took out Clatsop Community College's underwater robot, Lazarus, and robotics team CEO Jennifer Jordan, who surveyed with the submersible just north of the beach. Neither Jordan nor another survey by the society's underwater robot uncovered any artifacts.

"We're kind of getting close to the end of the season," Dewey said of the worsening weather. "We may not make it back out there."

Clues of a wreck

The legend of a shipwreck off the coast of Manzanita stretches back to the 19th century, when a fur trader noticed Native Americans trading in beeswax despite

there being no native honeybees in Oregon. To this day, beachcombers periodically find blocks of beeswax and pieces of fine china around Short Sands beach and the Neahalem Spit.

The search for the Beeswax wreck has been ongoing for more than a decade, first through the Beeswax Wreck Project and later through the archaeological society. During a search in 2013, a company briefly scanned the area near Short Sands with a magnetometer and found a spike indicating the presence of metal, Dewey said.

During a dive with friends a year later, Dewey saw an unusual growth near the surface in the same spot.

The next step for the society is to raise funds for a working magnetometer, which Dewey said will cost about \$18,000, and preparing to possibly dive next year in the areas around Short Sands. The instrument is necessary for identifying metal objects buried in the sand and under water.

"We could find something (with sonar and robots), and it might be something very cool, but the rest of the wreck might be a foot under sand right next to it or half a mile away," Dewey said.

Beyond Beeswax

While finding the Beeswax is the top priority, the society was formed three years ago from the Beeswax Wreck Project to expand the group's mission and state support for identifying some of the thousands of shipwrecks throughout the region, Dewey said. The group is a loose collection of volunteers from throughout the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii.

State databases include more than 31,000 documented archaeological sites on land, State Archaeologist David Griffin wrote in a 2013 report on underwater archaeological research.

"Recorded shipwreck locales within this database number just over 300," he wrote. "With over 3,000 reported shipwrecks off the Oregon Coast alone, the huge disparity between this number and that earmarked in the state's



Maritime Archaeological Society members Chris Dewey, left, and Tim Stentz load the Lazarus before a search for the so-called "Beeswax" shipwreck.

records highlights the need for improvement in both recording location information for shipwreck sites and more professional investigation of the significance of submerged resources in general."

Through its Oregon Coastal Survey Project, the society has been trying to find wrecks and abandoned vessels all along the state's coastline. Last spring, volunteers surveyed near the New Youngs Bay Bridge in Astoria for the wreck of the T.J. Potter, a 19th-century steamer burned and scrapped for parts about 1920. The society has sent a report in and is close to documentation with the state, Dewey said.

Next year, the group might focus on using its underwater robot to better survey the Silvia de Grasse, a lumber schooner that sank in Astoria near Pier 39 in 1849.

"We do one ship a year," Dewey said. "It's a long process. The T.J. Potter report was about 40 pages. We're writing up reports on all the ones we can."

"And we're a volunteer group, so we're doing it as quickly as a volunteer group can do."

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Union dismisses Labor Department unit's officers

Local 12 officials call move by AFGE president a political ploy to remove a potential challenger

By JOE DAVIDSON
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — There's more political intrigue in the largest federal employee union.

American Federation of Government Employees President David Cox has dismissed the elected officials of the union's Labor Department unit over allegations of improper expenditures and failure to honor the votes of members.

In a memo last week to members of Local 12, Cox said he placed the unit in trusteeship because "it is essential that proper financial controls and democratic principles be restored." He said the Local 12 officials "failed to

abide by a vote of the Local membership, conducted in September 2016, regarding the establishment of an audit committee and the hiring of an outside vendor for conducting an audit."

The improper expenditure involved an \$18,000 Hyatt Regency bill. Local 12 is one of the larger AFGE locals in the Washington area.

The leaders of the now-deposed unit said the move by Cox "failed to follow proper procedures" and was a political ploy to remove a potential challenger, Alex Bastani, who was the Local's president.

"All said, there have been no financial or representational misdeeds," said a statement from

Eleanor Lauderdale, now the Local's former vice president. "There has simply been a sloppy coup d'état by AFGE National Office and District 14," which covers the Washington area.

A spokesperson for the AFGE said it does not comment on internal union matters.

Cox's action comes less than two months after the union's National Executive Council ousted another duly elected official and a Cox political opponent, Eugene Hudson Jr. He was the national secretary-treasurer until he was booted in August for what union officials considered improper use of a staffer. The staff member sent an email to union mem-

bers, at Hudson's direction, that was critical of President Donald Trump and the Republican-controlled Congress.

Hudson has since announced his candidacy for Cox's job.

Lauderdale attributed Cox's latest move to Bastani's possible run for national AFGE president. She cited a \$7 million settlement with the Labor Department after an overtime dispute as an accomplishment that would bolster his candidacy. The Hyatt bill, she said, was for a luncheon at which the settlement funds were distributed to employees and retirees.

"Simply put," Lauderdale said, "the award gave Mr. Bastani a very high profile, and he has pre-

viously run against both National AFGE President Cox and AFGE Vice President Bunn. AFGE officials do not want to run against anyone with a \$7,000,000 settlement listed as an achievement."

Cox promised to appoint an "impartial hearing panel" to explore "the reason for the establishment of the trusteeship."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 11)	\$1.2088
Dollar buys (Oct. 11)	69.8273
British pound (Oct. 11)	\$1.36
Japanese yen (Oct. 11)	110.00
South Korean won (Oct. 11)	1,111.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.3191
Canada (Dollar)	1.2488
China (Yuan)	6.5861
Denmark (Krone)	6.3055
Egypt (Pound)	17.6312
Euro	\$1.1802/8473
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8042
Hungary (Forint)	262.87
Israel (Shekel)	3.4934
Japan (Yen)	112.18
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3022
Norway (Krone)	7.4607
Philippines (Peso)	51.50
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.65
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3558
South Korea (Won)	1,132.41
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9758
Thailand (Baht)	33.24
Turkey (New Lira)	3,6700

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-local currency exchange rates, check your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.00
Discount rate	1.75
Federal funds market rate	1.16
3-month bill	1.04
30-year bond	2.90

Uber riders in Dubai can now opt for a Tesla

By AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Ride-hailing service Uber on Tuesday began offering its customers in Dubai the option to ride in one of 50 new Tesla electric-powered vehicles — a stark contrast to the large gas-guzzling sedans and luxury sports cars that dominate the emirate's six-lane highways.

The U.S.-based ride-hailing app launched the UberONE option in partnership with Dubai Taxi Corp., which added 50 Tesla Model X and Model S to its fleet last month. The vehicles, which Uber riders can select for a slightly higher fare, are equipped with

self-driving components.

Dubai's transport authority is aiming to add another 150 Tesla vehicles to its fleet in 2018 and 2019, part of a wider push to have 25 percent of all journeys autonomous by 2030. Already, Dubai has the world's longest driverless metro network.

Uber's general manager in the United Arab Emirates, Chris Free, said the partnership to introduce electric-powered rides for customers is line with the company's drive to provide riders with "new and progressive experiences."

The forward-looking emirate of Dubai and the oil-rich seat of the federal government, Abu Dhabi, have embraced the push for elec-

tric-powered vehicles. In Dubai alone, there are electric vehicle power stations near the world's tallest skyscraper, the Burj Khalifa, and the Middle East's largest mall, the Dubai Mall.

Tesla also opened a showroom in Dubai in February. The American electric car manufacturer's chief executive, Elon Musk, has said the company plans on investing millions of dollars across the United Arab Emirates to support building up an infrastructure for electric vehicles, despite facing competition from the region's subsidized lower gas prices.

There are currently more than two dozen Tesla chargers in the UAE, with another 50 planned.

Still, Teslas and other battery-

operated models sold in the UAE, such as Renault's Twizy and Zoe, remain rare as soaring summer temperatures require drivers to turn on air-conditioning.

MARKET WATCH

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	22,761.07
Nasdaq composite	-10.45
	6,579.73
Standard & Poor's 500	-4.60
	2,544.73
Russell 2000	-6.66
	1,503.56

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

NATION

Dog recovering after being shot in family's yard

By ANDREW BINION
Kitsap (Wash.) Sun

BREMERTON, Wash. — Zeus is a big dog who loves peppermints. From watching him bound across the yard with other dogs at Aislinn Ertzberger's home outside Poulsbo, you would never know the 2-year-old Mastiff's insides are full of birdshot.

On July 23, Ertzberger arrived home to kids and dogs dancing around her feet, eager for treats. While on the way to the house Zeus, spotted a rabbit and chased it.

Ertzberger told her son Clayton to go fetch Zeus, and a minute or two later she heard a gunshot.

"I set my stuff down on the counter and then 'bang,'" she said.

She rushed outside to check on her horses and then saw Clayton, 12, running and then collapse, calling out Zeus' name. A wounded, bloodied Zeus followed. Ertzberger, a licensed EMT, said Zeus stopped breathing. She revived him, but he was weak.

Clayton said he doesn't remember much about those moments.

"I choose not to remember," he said as Zeus lay on the floor. "I'm glad he's alive."

The neighbor, who has been charged with misdemeanors, told a Kitsap County Sheriff's deputy that he had an ongoing problem with dogs in his yard. He told the deputy he wasn't threatened and didn't feel the dogs were aggressive. According to reports, he said he shot above the dogs.

Zeus suffered a collapsed lung and will be considered in critical condition for the rest of his life, Ertzberger said.

The neighbor, Dale E. Hardesty, 61, did not return a phone call seeking comment. On Sept. 1 he pleaded not guilty to a count of second-degree animal cruelty. He is also charged with aiming or discharging a firearm or other dangerous weapon, a crime that describes shooting in an area that might endanger a person.

Ertzberger shudders to think that Clayton could have been hit by birdshot.

Since the shooting, the family has struggled to return to their previous life. The kids don't as readily go to certain areas of the property to play, and Zeus, described as lovable and good-natured, is wary of men and has to see Ertzberger shake their hand before he will relax.

"He's never been like that before," she said.

He still loves running with the family's other dogs and quickly warms up to strangers, but his energy levels are erratic, and he has yet to gain back the weight he lost after being shot.

"This family has been terrorized," Ertzberger said, saying Zeus had served as the family's doorman, alerting them to somebody at the gate. Now he is anxious and prefers to stay on her bed and stare out the window.

"He doesn't work the way he



MEEGAN M. REID, KITSAP (WASH.) SUN/AP

Clayton Cavazos gives his dog Zeus a hug after playing in the yard of their Poulsbo, Wash., home.



Canine family members, from left, Duke, Zeus and Otto vie for space to carry one stick through their yard in Poulsbo.

used to," Ertzberger said. "He's no longer our siren. He barks at everything."

On top of that, the financial burden has set the family back. Zeus's vet bills were the equivalent of three mortgage payments. She does not know Hardesty and said she wouldn't recognize him if she passed him on the street. But Ertzberger said if he had complained to the family about dogs, or after the shooting had approached the family, they would have remedied the problem and it would have helped put their minds at ease.

Their yard is fenced, but Ertzberger believes Zeus, while chasing the rabbit, dove under a wire section and escaped.

Hardesty admitted to the dep-

uty that he shot his shotgun after seeing two dogs in his garden, but he claimed he first yelled at them. The two dogs started to run off and then shot above them, he said.

The deputy doubted his story, believing he shot at the dogs at a much closer distance.

"I asked Dale why he had shot the dog even after he yelled at them and they were already running back to their home," the deputy wrote. "He stated he was tired of the dogs getting into his yard. I asked if the dogs were threatening or acting aggressive at all. He stated they were not, reiterating they were just in his garden and he was tired of them being over there."

The deputy noted Har-



Clayton tries to break a stick in half so that dogs Duke and Zeus, right, can each have a piece.

desty fired toward a neighbor's residence.

"Dale showed an extreme lack of responsibility by shooting at a dog which was running away from him and firing the round towards his neighbor's residence," the deputy wrote.

Ertzberger also questions Hardesty's account, as recorded by the deputy. She is doubtful that in the amount of time Zeus was gone he could have made it all the way to Hardesty's residence — which can't be seen through the brush while standing in her yard — and as an experienced hunter, she said patches of blood on the ground indicate Zeus was shot on her property. She is also

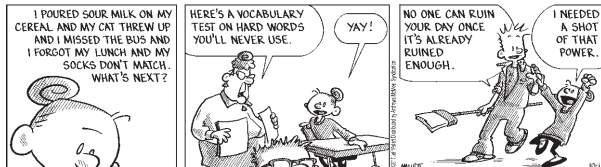
confused about the allegation that two dogs were on Hardesty's property, as her three other dogs were accounted for at the time of the shooting.

All the heartache the family endured has been exacerbated by the cost of vet care. Ertzberger has started a Facebook page and has been raising money to put toward a fund that helps families pay for vet care in cases like Zeus's.

Clayton is Zeus' person, Ertzberger said, but he has formed a strong bond with each family member. The thought of losing him still rattles them.

"He's the heart of this family," she said.

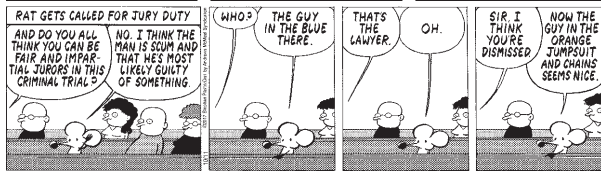
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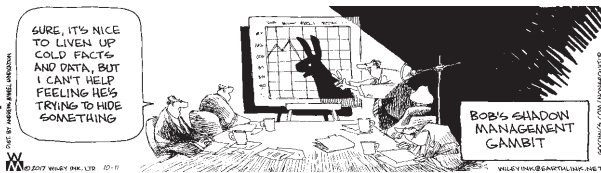
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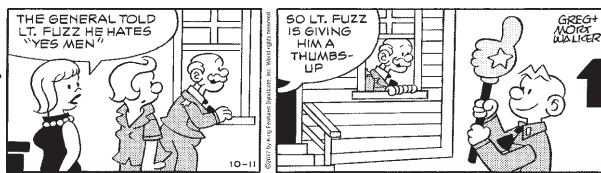
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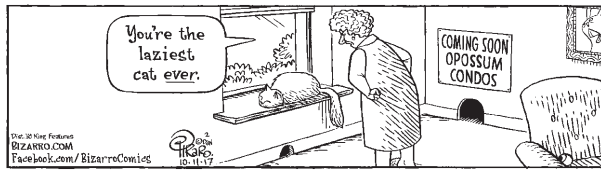
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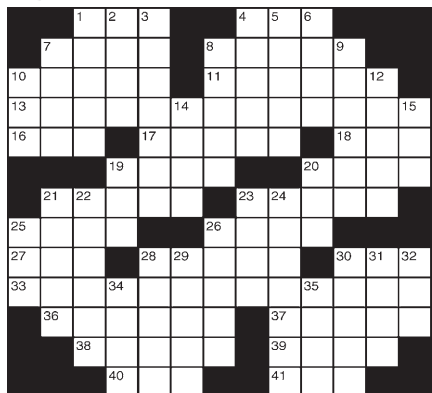
Beetle Bailey



Bizarro



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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| ACROSS | DOWN | 19 Spy org. |
| 1 "It's c-c-cold!" | 1 Former British | 20 Insult, slangily |
| 4 Drunkard | P.M. Tony | 21 Expert |
| 7 Writer Wiesel | 2 Frost | 22 Lessened |
| 8 "Kinsey" actress | 3 Calming | 23 Used a loom |
| Linney | 4 Fry lightly | 24 "Excellent!" |
| 10 Mosque VIPs | 5 Should, | 25 Plead |
| 11 Majestic | with "to" | 26 "Real Time" |
| 13 Director's | 6 Loyal | host Bill |
| directive | 7 Flightless birds | 28 Major mix-up |
| 16 Old map letters | 8 Jousting | 29 Out-and-out |
| 17 Diamond side | weapon | 30 Ab exercise |
| 18 Tic-tac-toe loser | 9 Order by | 31 Rue the run |
| 19 Cool veggie | classes | 32 Approves |
| 20 Sketch | 10 Mensa state | 34 Curved |
| 21 Sends a letter | 12 Amarillo's state | molding |
| 23 Is patient | 14 Erstwhile acorns | 35 New Mexico |
| 25 Rum cake | 15 AAAA job | resort |

Answer to Previous Puzzle



10-11

CRYPTOQUIP

USLO DLQDAL JAA UMRYL
PQQN YSROPG JTQHY J ARPSY
THAT TMJON, SJG RY TLLO
PRWLO PAQUROP MLWRLUG?
Yesterday's Cryptquip: THAT STUDENT
CANNOT NOT IDENTIFY ALL THE FIGURES OF
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SCOREBOARD

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Tennis

Upper Austria Ladies Linz

Monday
At Tjapana Linz
Linz, Austria
Purse: \$225,750 (Int'l.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Lara Arrabarrena, Spain, def. Monica Niculescu (R), Romania, 1-6, 6-1, 2-0 re-tyed.
Natalia Vikhlyantseva, Russia, def. Verónica Capoen-Roya, Paraguay, 6-0, 6-2.
Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7).

Doubles
Maria Trigenov, Argentina, and Cornelia Lister, Sweden, def. Viktorija Koldach, Switzerland, and Darja Jurak, Croatia, 4-6, 7-6, 6-1.
Nicole Melichar, United States, and Anna Smith, Britain, def. Robin Hoare, Netherlands, and Lidziya Marozava, Belarus, 6-1, 6-2.
Nicola Pietrangeli, and Anna Zaja, Germany, def. Alicja Rosolska, Poland, and Abigail Spears, United States, 6-4, 7-6, 10-8.

Shanghai Masters

At Qizhong Tennis Center
Shanghai
Purse: \$65 million (Masters 1000)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Luis Llopis, Spain, def. Robin Hoare, Netherlands, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (2).
Richard Gasquet, France, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Chung Hyeon, South Korea, def. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Stefanos Tsitsipas, United States, def. Boris Becker, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Nicola Pietrangeli, and Anna Zaja, Germany, def. Alicja Rosolska, Poland, and Abigail Spears, United States, 6-4, 7-6, 10-8.

Doubles
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Nicola Pietrangeli, and Anna Zaja, Germany, def. Alicja Rosolska, Poland, and Abigail Spears, United States, 6-4, 7-6, 10-8.

Wu, China, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

First Round
Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil, and Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Gong Mao-Xin and Zhang Ze, China, 6-3, 6-4.
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, def. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, and Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Nick Kyrgios, Australia, and Lucas Pouille, France, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 3-6, 6-3, 10-5.

Hong Kong Open

Monday
At Victoria Park Tennis Stadium
Hong Kong
Purse: \$225,750 (Int'l.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Sam Stosur, Australia, def. Lee Ya-su-an, Taiwan, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.
Lizette Cabrera, Australia, def. Shuko Aoyama, Japan, 7-5, 6-3.
Zhang Shuai (C), China, def. Kurumi Nishikori, Japan, 6-0, 6-2.
Wang Jia-Qi, China, def. Chang Kai-Chen, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-0.
Nicola Pietrangeli, and Anna Zaja, Germany, def. Alicja Rosolska, Poland, and Abigail Spears, United States, 6-4, 7-6, 10-8.

Doubles
Lukiska Kumkhum, and Peangnam Pijuech, Thailand, def. Junri Namigata and Akio Saitoh, Japan, 6-3, 6-4.
Katherine Ip and Zhang Ling, Hong Kong, def. Ng Kwan Yau and Wu Ho-Ching, Hong Kong, 6-4, 7-5.

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College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Friday
No. 2 Clemson at Syracuse
No. 8 Washington State at California
Saturday
No. 1 Alabama vs. Arkansas
No. 4 Georgia vs. Missouri
No. 5 Washington at Arizona
No. 6 TCU at Kansas State
No. 7 Wisconsin vs. Purdue
No. 8 Ohio State at Nebraska
No. 10 Auburn at LSU
No. 11 Miami vs. Georgia Tech
No. 12 Oklahoma vs. Rice at Dallas
No. 13 Southern Cal vs. Utah
No. 14 Oklahoma State vs. Baylor
No. 17 Michigan at Indiana
No. 18 South Florida vs. Cincinnati
No. 19 San Diego State vs. Boise State
No. 20 NC State at Pittsburgh
No. 21 Michigan State at Minnesota
No. 22 UCF vs. East Carolina
No. 23 Stanford vs. Oregon
No. 24 Texas Tech at West Virginia
No. 25 Navy at Memphis

Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 11
OUT
Richmond Alabama (1-0) at Troy (4-1)
Thursday, Oct. 12
SOUTH
Texas St. (1-5) at Louisiana-Lafayette (2-3)

Friday, Oct. 13

Clemson (6-0) at Syracuse (3-3)

Washington St. (6-0) at California (3-3)

FCS Coaches poll

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 6, points and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	James Madison (25)	5-0	625	2
2.	North Dakota State (1)	5-0	625	2
3.	Jacksonville State (4)	5-0	585	3
4.	North Carolina (1)	5-0	585	3
5.	Wofford (4)	5-0	548	5
6.	South Carolina (1)	5-0	548	5
7.	Sam Houston State (1)	4-1	463	9
8.	South Dakota State (1)	4-1	422	11
9.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	422	11
10.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	422	11
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22.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	422	11
23.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	422	11
24.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	422	11
25.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	422	11

Other receiving votes: Monmouth, 20; North Carolina A&T, 19; Tennessee State, 15; Stony Brook, 11; Prairie View, 11; N.C. Central, 9; Saint Francis, 8; Southern Utah, 8; Delaware, 7; Kennesaw State, 6; Northwestern State, 4; North Carolina A&T, 3; Albany, 2.

STATS FCS poll

The top 25 teams in the STATS Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 6, points and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	James Madison (160)	5-0	4192	1
2.	North Dakota State (5)	5-0	4192	1
3.	Jacksonville State (4)	5-0	3718	3
4.	South Dakota State (4)	5-0	3626	4
5.	South Dakota State (4)	5-0	3626	4
6.	Central Arkansas (4)	4-1	3325	6
7.	South Dakota State (4)	5-0	3626	4
8.	Youngstown State (3)	3-2	2990	10
9.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	2730	13
10.	Eastern Washington (2)	4-1	2730	13
11.	Villanova (1)	4-1	2326	14
12.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	2326	14
13.	Richmond (1)	3-2	2017	19
14.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	2326	14
15.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	2326	14
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24.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	2326	14
25.	North Carolina A&T (1)	4-1	2326	14

AP basketball

NBA preseason

Tuesday
Golden State vs. Minnesota at 10
Oklahoma City vs. Melbourne at 8
Washington Wizards vs. Orlando at 8
Portland Trail Blazers vs. Clippers at 8
New Orleans Hornets vs. Chicago Bulls at 8
Brooklyn Nets vs. New York Knicks at 8
Boston Celtics vs. Sacramento Kings at 8
New York's games

Wednesday
Detroit 101, Memphis 88
Boston 113, Philadelphia 96
Houston 117, New York 95
Miami 109, Charlotte 106

Nicholls 104, Delaware 81, Tennessee State 74, Monmouth 44, Eastern Illinois 35, Columbia 23, Liberty 15, Chattanooga Southern 18, UNI 16, Kennesaw State 16, Colgate 9, UT Martin 8, Duquesne 7, Mercer 7, Austin Peay 6, Alcorn State 6, Furman 3, UC Davis 3, Saint Francis 0.

AFCA Division II Coaches poll

Through Oct. 6
Record Pts Pvs
1. Northwest Missouri St. (34) 6-0 850 1
2. Shepherd 5-0 797 2
3. Indiana (Pa.) 6-0 780 4
4. Oklahoma State 6-0 780 4
5. Indiana (Pa.) 6-0 780 4
6. Middle West St. 6-0 688 7
7. Winona State 6-0 682 10
8. Grand Valley St. 5-1 615 8
9. Fort Hays State 5-1 619 18
10. Sioux Falls (S.D.) 5-1 597 6
11. Central Washington 6-0 507 13
12. Texas A&M-Commerce 5-1 483 12
13. Colorado St.-Pueblo 5-1 417 14
14. North Dakota State 5-1 407 12
15. Bowling Green 6-0 358 19
16. Ferris State 5-1 358 19
17. Ashland 5-1 319 18
18. Assumption 5-0 306 20
19. St. Joseph's (Mo.) 5-1 297 6
20. Southeastern Oklahoma St. 6-0 233 23
21. South Dakota State 5-1 206 21
22. Delta State 5-1 206 21
23. Central West 5-1 175 25
24. Western Michigan 5-1 172 26
25. Winthrop 5-0 188 27
26. Kutztown St. (Calif.) 5-1 175 25
27. Assumption 5-0 306 20
28. St. Joseph's (Mo.) 5-1 297 6
29. Southeastern Oklahoma St. 6-0 233 23
30. South Dakota State 5-1 206 21
31. Delta State 5-1 206 21
32. Central West 5-1 175 25
33. Western Michigan 5-1 172 26
34. Winthrop 5-0 188 27
35. Kutztown St. (Calif.) 5-1 175 25

Other receiving votes: California (Calif.) 11, Virginia Tech (Va.) 11, Central Missouri 22, West Chester (Pa.) 22, Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 18, Eastern Michigan 17, Catawba (N.C.) 10, Notre Dame (Ohio) 3; Arkansas Tech 1.

AFCA Division III Coaches poll

Through Oct. 6
Record Pts Pvs
1. Mary Hardin-Baylor (46) 5-0 1239 1
2. Mount Union (6) 5-0 1239 2
3. Central Oklahoma 5-0 1145 3
4. North Central 5-0 1047 6
5. Thomas 5-0 1047 6
6. Delaware Valley 5-0 967 8
7. Wisconsin-Platteville 5-0 953 7
8. North Dakota State 5-0 953 7
9. St. John's (Maine) 5-1 876 10
10. Longwood State 5-0 876 10
11. Wittenberg 5-0 773 12
12. Middle Tennessee 5-0 773 12
13. Illinois Wesleyan 5-1 654 14
14. Brockport 5-0 654 14
15. Case Western Reserve 5-0 654 14
16. Wesley 5-0 625 20
17. Case Western Reserve 5-0 625 20
18. Washburn 5-0 580 21
19. Frostburg St. 5-0 580 21
20. Concordia-Moorhead 5-1 549 25
21. Concordia-Moorhead 5-1 549 25
22. Berry 5-0 549 25
23. Berry 5-0 549 25
24. Berry 5-0 549 25
25. Springfield College 5-0 549 25

Other receiving votes: Franklin Pierce 62, Framingham State 42, Heilbrunn 40, Wheaton 36, DePaul 27, Huntington 24, Westminster 17, Trinity 14, Carnegie Mellon 12, Albright 11, John Carroll 10, Centenary 9, Saint Francis 8, Lutheran 4, Whitworth 4, Curry 2, Roberts 2, East Tennessee Baptist 1, Houston 1, Hobart 1, Milliken 1, MT 1, Westminster 1.

NAIA poll

Through Oct. 8

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Saint Francis (Ind.) (5)	6-0	640	1
2.	Baker (Kan.) (3)	6-0	627	2
3.	North Dakota State (5)	5-0	603	3
5.	St. Mary's (Calif.) (3)	5-0	583	4
6.	Grand View (Iowa)	5-1	271	7
7.	Southern Oregon	5-0	269	8
8.	Wofford	5-0	269	8
9.	Georgetown (Ky.)	5-0	235	10
10.	Wofford	5-0	235	10
11.	Montana Tech	4-1	213	5
12.	Benedictine (Kan.)	4-1	213	5
13.	Marian (Ind.)	3-2	191	13
14.	Southeastern (Fla.)	4-1	171	15
15.	Chilmark (N.J.)	5-1	139	18
16.	Arizona Christian	5-1	139	18
17.	Northwestern State	5-1	139	18
18.	Dickinson State (N.D.)	5-1	121	21
19.	Calvin (Mich.)	5-1	121	21
20.	Hastings (Nebr.)	5-1	77	24
21.	Concordia (Mich.)	5-1	77	24
22.	SAU (Texas)	5-1	77	24
23.	Tabor (Kan.)	3-2	68	16
24.	Wheaton (Ill.)	5-1	68	16
25.	Kansas Wesleyan	4-1	19	25

Volleyball

Western 15, Campbellsville (Ky.) 12
Mountain (Mont.) 7, Peru State (Kan.) 6
Dakota State (S.D.) 3, Dordt (Iowa) 3

Wednesday's games
Boston at Charlotte
Philadelphia vs. Brooklyn at Uniondale, N.Y.
Huntington at Miami
Houston at Memphis
Portland at Phoenix

Soccer

World Cup qualifying

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN
Group A
Costa Rica 4, El Salvador 1
Panama 2, 3
Honduras 2, 4
x-qualified

Group B
Costa Rica 4, El Salvador 1
Panama 2, 3
Honduras 2, 4
x-qualified

Fourth-place team advances to playoff vs. Australia

Group W
Costa Rica 4, El Salvador 1
Panama 2, 3
Honduras 2, 4
x-qualified

Friday, Oct. 6

At Orlando, Fla.
United States 4, Panama 0

At San Luis Potosi, Mexico
Mexico 3, Trinidad and Tobago 1

At San Jose, Costa Rica
Costa Rica vs. Honduras, ppd., tropical storm

Saturday, Oct. 7

At San Jose, Costa Rica
Costa Rica 1, Honduras 1

Tuesday, Oct. 10
Honduras vs. Mexico

At Panama City
Panama vs. Costa Rica

At Couva, Trinidad
Trinidad and Tobago vs. United States

MLS

Eastern Conference

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
1.	0	0	0	0	0
2.	0	0	0	0	0
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4.	0	0	0	0	0
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Western Conference

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
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NHL



FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Maple Leafs center Auston Matthews, left, celebrates his game-winning goal with teammate Jake Gardiner during overtime of Monday's game against the Chicago Blackhawks in Toronto.

Roundup

Matthews' OT goal lifts Leafs over Blackhawks

Associated Press

TORONTO — Auston Matthews has his own goalie taking pity on their opponent after his latest timely goal.

Matthews beat Anton Forsberg 3-43 into overtime to lift the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 4-3 comeback win against the Chicago Blackhawks on Monday night.

The 20-year-old Matthews had very little space to work with but ripped a wrist shot over Forsberg's glove for his second goal of the season.

"I think that puck's still sitting back up there," said Toronto netminder Fredrik Andersson. "Not a lot of guys can stop that puck in this league. Hell of a goal."

Matthews' goal came on a 2-on-1 and capped three in a row to erase Chicago's 3-1 lead.

"I just walked in and tried to fake a pass, get [Forsberg] leaning a bit and snuck it by him," Matthews said.

"I thought we showed a lot of poise being able to crawl back into it," he added. "As the game went on we got better and better and that's the way you want to play."

Matthews played much of the night matched up against Chicago's top line with Patrick Kane. Matthews finished with six shots on net and the winning goal while Kane, who entered with 22 points in 13 career games against Toronto, finished minus-three with one shot and no points.

"Auston was determined, he was playing head to head against Kane all night, did a real nice job," said Leafs coach Mike Babcock.

Nikita Zaitsev, Connor Brown and James van Riemsdyk also scored for the Maple Leafs, who have won their first three games.

Jan Rutta, Jonathan Toews and Richard Panik had goals for the Blackhawks.

Andersen made 18 saves for the win while Forsberg stopped 39 shots.

Outside of the opening three minutes, the first period belonged to the Blackhawks, and they went into the intermission up 2-0.

Rutta scored 3:46 into the game when he wheeled around the back of the net and passed the puck out front, where it hit Toronto center Mitch Marner's

stick and squeaked through Andersen and the post. Eric Fehr had a great chance to tie it three minutes later, but was turned away by Forsberg, and Chicago went down the ice and doubled its advantage.

Toews made it 2-0 when he banged in a rebound over the left pad of Andersen with 12:53 to play in the first.

Blues 3, Islanders 2 (SO): Brayden Schenn and Vladimir Tarasenko scored shootout goals to lift visiting St. Louis over New York for their third straight win to start the season.

Andrew Ladd and Anders Lee had scored for the Islanders in the third period to send the game into overtime, Lee's goal coming at the 19-minute mark.

Avalanche 4, Bruins 0: Semyon Varlamov stopped 29 shots, Nail Yakupov scored two goals and Colorado continued its recent success in Boston.

Sven Andrighetto and J.T. Compher scored first-period goals for the Avalanche, who improved to 11-0-1 in their past 12 games in Boston since the most recent loss coming on March 30, 1998.

Lightning 4, Capitals 3 (OT): Brayden Point scored on a power play in overtime and Tampa Bay held high-scoring Alex Ovechkin pointless in his victory over Washington.

Point redirected Nikita Kucherov's shot at 3:08 and that came after the Capitals were assessed a two-man penalty on the ice penalty.

Devils 6, Sabres 2: Rookie Jesper Bratt and Marcus Johansson each had two goals and an assist and visiting New Jersey beat Buffalo.

Brian Gibbons added a goal and an assist, Taylor Hall had two assists, and Stefan Noesen also scored. New Jersey is 2-0 for the first time in three seasons.

Jets 5, Oilers 2: Nikolaj Ehlers had a hat trick and an assist and visiting Winnipeg captured its first win of the season by beating Edmonton.

Mark Scheifele and Dmitry Kulikov also scored for the Jets.

Flames 2, Ducks 0: Mike Smith made 43 saves and Calgary ended a 25-game skid at Honda Center with a win over Anaheim.

Calgary got goals from Sean Monahan and Mikael Backlund. It hadn't won at Anaheim since Jan. 19, 2004.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	3	3	0	9	19	10
Detroit	2	2	0	6	12	8
Tampa Bay	3	2	1	4	13	11
Florida	2	1	1	0	2	8
Boston	2	0	1	0	2	9
Ottawa	2	0	0	2	5	10
Buffalo	3	1	2	0	2	10

Metropolitan Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	2	2	0	6	14	9
New Jersey	2	2	0	4	10	3
Philadelphia	3	2	1	0	4	8
N.Y. Islanders	3	1	1	3	8	11
Pittsburgh	3	1	1	3	9	15
Carolina	2	1	0	2	6	4
Columbus	2	1	1	0	2	6
N.Y. Rangers	3	1	2	0	2	12

Western Conference

Central Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	3	3	0	9	12	8
Chicago	3	2	1	0	6	12
Colorado	3	2	1	0	4	9
Winnipeg	3	2	0	2	10	15
Minnesota	2	0	0	0	3	6
Dallas	2	0	2	0	0	3
Nashville	2	0	2	0	0	3

Pacific Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	2	2	0	4	6	1
Vegas	2	2	0	4	4	2
Calgary	3	2	1	0	4	6
Anaheim	3	1	1	3	8	12
Vancouver	1	1	0	2	3	2
Edmonton	2	0	2	0	2	7
Arizona	2	0	1	1	5	7
San Jose	2	0	2	0	0	9

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's games

N.Y. Rangers 2, Montreal 0
St. Louis 5, N.Y. Islanders 2, SO
Colorado 4, Boston 0

New Jersey 6, Buffalo 2
Toronto 4, Chicago 3, OT
Tampa Bay 4, Washington 3, OT
Winnipeg 5, Edmonton 2
Calgary 2, Anaheim 0

Tuesday's games
Columbus at Carolina
St. Louis at N.Y. Rangers
Chicago at Montreal
Philadelphia at Nashville
Detroit at Dallas
Ottawa at Vancouver
Arizona at Vegas

Wednesday's games
New Jersey at Toronto
Pittsburgh at Washington
Boston at Colorado
N.Y. Islanders at Anaheim
Calgary at Los Angeles

Thursday's games
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay
St. Louis at Dallas
Dallas at Nashville
Minnesota at Chicago
Winnipeg at Vancouver
Detroit at Arizona
Buffalo at San Jose

Monday

Blues 3, Islanders 2 (SO)
St. Louis 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
N.Y. Islanders 2, St. Louis 2
St. Louis won shootout 2-0

Second Period—1. St. Louis, Tarasenko (2, Stastny), 9:38, 2. St. Louis, Tarasenko (3, Pietrangeli), 13:22 (sh).
Third Period—3. N.Y. Islanders, Ladd (1, Chimeria, Nelson), 13:04, 4. N.Y. Islanders, Lee (1, Eberle, Hickory), 15:22 (sh).

Shootout—St. Louis, 2 (Schenn, G).
N.Y. Islanders, 1 (Eberle, G).
Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 1 of 4; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 4.

Goals—St. Louis, Allen 3-0-0 (42 shots-40 saves), N.Y. Islanders, Greiss 0-1-1 (36-33).
A-10,673 (15,795), T-2:38.

Avalanche 4, Bruins 0
Colorado 4, Boston 0
Colorado 1-1, Colorado, Andrighetto (1, Zadorov, Rantanen), 4:41, 2. Colorado, Compher (1, Soderstrom), 13:22 (sh).

Third Period—3. Colorado, Yakupov (1, Korpela, Nemeth), 13:02 (sh).
4. Colorado, Yakupov (2, MacKinnon, Andrighetto), 19:16.
Shoots on Goal—Colorado 5-8-10-23.
Boston 1-11-17-29.

Power-play opportunities—Colorado 0 of 1; Boston 0 of 4.
Goals—Colorado, Varlamov 2-0-0 (29 shots-39 saves), Boston, Rask 1-1-0 (22-19).
A-17,665 (17,565), T-2:29.

Flames 2, Ducks 0
Calgary 2, Anaheim 0
Calgary 1-1, Calgary, Monahan (1, Gaudreau, Versteeg), 16:27 (pp).

Third Period—2. Calgary, Backlund (2, Tkachuk, Forstberg), 6:19.
3. Calgary, Backlund (3, Gaudreau, Versteeg), 10:10-29.
Anaheim 9-17-47-43.

Power-play opportunities—Calgary 1 of 4; Anaheim 0 of 5.
Goals—Calgary, Smith, 2-1-0 (43 shots-37 saves), Anaheim, Gibson 1-1-1 (29-27).
A-15,485 (17,174), T-2:21.



JASON FRANSON, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

The Winnipeg Jets' Nikolaj Ehlers celebrates his third goal against the Oilers during the third period of Monday's game in Edmonton, Alberta.

Devils 6, Sabres 2

New Jersey 6, Buffalo 2
New Jersey 0 1 1-2-5
Buffalo 0 1 1-2-5

First Period—1. New Jersey, Noesen (1, Gibbons), 6:28, 2. New Jersey, Gibbons (1, Hickey, Johansson), 18:56.
Second Period—3. Buffalo, Kane (3, Ristolainen), 5:02 (pp), 4. New Jersey, Bratt (2, Mueller, Henrique), 5:23 (sh), 5. New Jersey, Johansson (1, Hall), 7:49, 6. New Jersey, Bratt (3, Greene, Hall), 12:19, 7. New Jersey, Johansson (2, Bratt), 18:56.

Third Period—8. Buffalo, Kane (4, Pominville), 17:03.
Shoots on Goal—New Jersey 8-14-9-31.
Buffalo 6-11-25.

Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 4; Buffalo 1 of 4.
Goals—New Jersey, Schneider 2-0-0 (25 shots-23 saves), Buffalo, Johnson 0-1-0 (22-16), Lehtivuori 0-1-1 (9-9).

A-17,697 (19,070), T-2:26.

Maple Leafs 4, Blackhawks 3 (OT)

Chicago 3, Toronto 4
Chicago 2 0 1-0-3
Toronto 0 1 2-1-4

First Period—1. Chicago, 1-0-0-1 (Hayden, Wingers), 3:46, 2. Chicago, Toews (2, Forsberg), 5:57.

Second Period—3. Toronto, Zaitsev (2, Rosen, Brown), 10:20.

Third Period—4. Chicago, Panik (3, Rutta, Forsling), 7:52 (pp), 5. Toronto, Brown (1, Zaitsev, Hainsey), 13:00, 6. Toronto, van Riemsdyk (2, Bozak, Rielly), 15:42 (pp).

Overtime—7. Toronto, Matthews, 2:34.
Shoots on Goal—Chicago 9-6-6-21.
Toronto 10-19-43-45.

Power-play opportunities—Chicago 1 of 6; Toronto 1 of 4.
Goals—Chicago, Forsberg 0-1 (43 shots-39 saves), Toronto, Andersen 3-0-0 (21-18).

A-19,456 (18,819), T-2:39.

Lightning 4, Capitals 3 (OT)
Washington 2, Tampa Bay 3
Washington 2 1 0-0-3
Tampa Bay 3 1 1-4-4

First Period—1. Washington, Backstrom (1, Burakovsky, Oshie), 15:42, 2. Washington, Oshie (2, Backstrom, Carlson), 18:05 (pp).

Second Period—3. Tampa Bay, Killorn (1, Coburn, Point), 5:28, 4. Washington, Oshie (3, Kuznetsov, Backstrom), 7:49 (pp), 5. Tampa Bay, Smith (1, Pasquetti, Stralman), 18:09.

Third Period—6. Tampa Bay, Kucherov (3, Killorn, Stralman), 10:46.
Overtime—7. Tampa Bay, Point (3, Stamkos, Kucherov), 3:08 (pp).

Shoots on Goal—Washington 9-10-16-26.
Tampa Bay 9-17-5-26.

Power-play opportunities—Washington 2 of 5; Tampa Bay 1 of 5.
Goals—Washington, Grubauer 1-0-0 (40 shots-36 saves), Tampa Bay, Vasilevich 1-1-1 (26-23).
A-19,092 (19,092), T-2:46.

Jets 5, Oilers 2

Winnipeg 5, Edmonton 2
Winnipeg 2 2 2-1-5
Edmonton 0 2 0-2-0

First Period—1. Winnipeg, Scheifele (3, Kulikov), 8:56, 2. Edmonton, Kulikov (1, Ehlers, Wheeler), 16:27.

Second Period—3. Edmonton, Draisaitl (1, Nugent-Hopkins (2, Nurse), 13:33, 5. Winnipeg, Ehlers (1, Hellebuyck, Trouba), 15:08, 6. Winnipeg, Ehlers (2, Wheeler, Scheifele), 17:57.

Third Period—4. Winnipeg, Ehlers (3, Wheeler, Scheifele), 18:46 (pp).

Shoots on Goal—Winnipeg 19-13-43.
Edmonton 20-7-12-39.

Power-play opportunities—Winnipeg 1 of 4; Edmonton 0 of 2.

Goals—Winnipeg, Hellebuyck 1-0-0 (39 shots-37 saves), Edmonton, Talbot 1-0-0 (43-38).
A-18,347 (18,641), T-2:37.

NFL



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Vikings quarterback Case Keenum throws a pass during the first half Monday against the Bears in Chicago. Minnesota won 20-17.

Keenum steps in to lead Vikings

By GENE CHAMBERLAIN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Minnesota Vikings know they have an insurance policy if Sam Bradford's knee remains a problem.

Case Keenum has proven this before and did it again Monday against the Chicago Bears in a 20-17 victory.

"I've tried to prepare like I've been the starter," Keenum said. "I think that helps when you're called upon and need to step in, so you can do the same job as the guy that's been doing it."

"Be able to see the defense the same way and make the calls the same way. Being prepared like that helps."

With a game against the Green Bay Packers coming Sunday, the Vikings won't know Bradford's status until later in the week. Bradford failed to make it through his first game back since suffering swelling and soreness in a surgically repaired left knee.

Sacked four times, an obviously immobile Bradford came out just before halftime after a 5-for-11 performance.

"It just got to a point where it was hurting him bad enough where he couldn't finish," Vikings running back Jerick McKinnon said.

Keenum came in and led the win by completing 17 of 21 passes for 140 yards and a touchdown. He was 14-for-18 and 119 yards in the second half.

Keenum was 1-2 in three starts before Monday's Vikings win.

"He did a great job executing,"



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Vikings free safety Harrison Smith (22) celebrates with teammates after intercepting a Bears pass during the fourth quarter Monday.

McKinnon said. "It's real tough in this league to come into that situation and do what he did."

"Everybody believes in him and he showed why."

Keenum threw a 13-yard TD pass to Kyle Rudolph in the third quarter for a 10-2 lead, and in the fourth quarter the Vikings benefited from Harrison Smith's interception to keep the winning points on a 26-yard Kai Forbath field goal with 12 seconds remaining.

The interception spoiled Mitchell Trubisky's night — he completed 12 of 25 for 128 yards.

"I just have to do a better job of taking care of the football,"

Trubisky said. "We need to work on the little things, really."

Other notes and takeaways from the game:

Breakaway threat: Even with running back Dalvin Cook out for the year with a torn ACL, the Vikings showed they have breakaway speed in the backfield. McKinnon had a 58-yard TD run around the right side in the third quarter for a 17-9 lead. It was the Vikings' longest run of the season.

McKinnon finished with 95 yards on 16 carries.

"My main focus was to make plays, feed off Latavius Murray, C.J. (Ham), those guys, the running backs, bring the energy and make plays," McKinnon said.

Gadgets: The Bears stayed in the game with trick plays. One came from special teams and the other from offense on a two-point conversion.

Punter Pat O'Donnell threw a 38-yard TD pass to Benny Cunningham to pull the Bears within 10-9 in the third quarter. Cunningham was wide open 10 yards downfield on a fake punt and dodged one tackle try before going to the end zone.

"Whether it's a turnover, steal, a first down — whatever it is you just want to make an impact throughout the game to kind of help those guys on offense and defense," Cunningham said.

A trick two-point conversion tied the score at 17-17 when Trubisky handed to Jordan Howard and he handed it to Zach Miller on a reverse. Miller pitched it

to Trubisky and he walked into the end zone.

"That's fun," Miller said. "Takes me back to my college days: great call and design."

Mixed debut: Trubisky was down about his fourth-quarter interception, but Bears coach John Fox called it an upbeat debut regardless of the big mistake. Trubisky's leadership was a key. He also scrambled for 22 yards.

"I think our guys feel it," Fox said. "I think they feel his presence."

Smith, who made the decisive interception, was equally impressed with Trubisky.

"You can tell he definitely has some skill and he is going to be a player," Smith said.

TD celebration: Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph and teammates had planned an unconventional TD celebration, and Rudolph's 13-yard TD catch in the third quarter gave them a chance to do it.

"Duck, duck, goose was planned in the huddle right before we went out," Rudolph said. "We called the play, the play we run all week in practice. I knew somebody was going to score."

"I said whoever scores here you're the duck. Everybody else sit down here in a circle and we will have some fun."

Linebacker down: Playing without suspended Danny Trevisan and with Jerrell Freeman and Nick Kwiatkowski injured, the Bears lost a fourth inside linebacker when John Timu went out with a knee injury.

Scoreboard

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	89	74
N.Y. Jets	3	2	0	.600	92	106
New England	3	2	0	.600	148	142
Miami	3	2	0	.600	41	67
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	139	83
Houston	3	3	0	.444	144	130
Tennessee	3	3	0	.400	110	142
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	97	159
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	99	89
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	90	97
Cincinnati	3	2	0	.600	84	83
Cleveland	0	5	0	.000	77	124
Kansas City	5	0	0	1.000	164	111
Denver	3	1	0	.750	98	74
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	108	109
L.A. Chargers	1	4	0	.200	99	115

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	1	0	.800	137	99
Washington	2	2	0	.500	91	89
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	125	132
N.Y. Giants	0	5	0	.000	82	122
Carolina	4	1	0	.800	105	94
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	104	89
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	93	78
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	85	83
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	137	112
Detroit	3	2	0	.600	123	97
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	99	93
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	78	124
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	110	87
L.A. Rams	3	2	0	.600	152	87
Arizona	2	3	0	.400	81	125
San Francisco	0	5	0	.000	89	120

Thurs. games
New England 19, Tampa Bay 14
Sunday's games
N.Y. Jets 17, Cleveland 14
Philadelphia 34, Arizona 7
Cincinnati 20, Buffalo 16
Jacksonville 30, Pittsburgh 9
Carolina 27, Detroit 34
Miami 16, Tennessee 10
L.A. Chargers 27, N.Y. Giants 22
Indianapolis 26, San Francisco 23, OT
Baltimore 30, Oakland 17
Seattle 16, L.A. Rams 10
Green Bay 35, Dallas 31
Pittsburgh 42, Houston 34
Open: Washington, New Orleans, Atlanta, Tampa Bay, Denver

Monday's games
Minnesota 20, Chicago 17
Thursday, Oct. 12
Philadelphia at Carolina

Sunday, Oct. 15
Green Bay at Minnesota
Cleveland at Houston
Detroit at New Orleans
Miami at Atlanta
New England at N.Y. Jets
Chicago at Baltimore
San Francisco at Washington
L.A. Rams at Jacksonville
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City
N.Y. Giants at Denver

Open: Buffalo, Dallas, Seattle, Cincinnati
Monday, Oct. 16
Indianapolis at Tennessee

Monday
Vikings 20, Bears 17

Minnesota 0 3 14 20
Chicago 0 0 7 17

First Quarter
Chi—safety, 1:31.

Second Quarter
Min—FG Forbath 26, 12:27.
Chi—safety, 10:41.

Third Quarter
Min—Rudolph 13 pass from Keenum (Forbath kick), 8:16.

Chi—Cunningham 38 pass from O'Donnell (Barth kick), 11:03.

Min—McKinnon 58 run (Forbath kick), 3:31.

Fourth Quarter
Chi—Miller 20 pass from Trubisky (Trubisky run), 11:03.

Min—FG Forbath 26, 12:42.
Chi—safety, 10:41.

Final Score
Min 17, Chi 20

First downs Min 16, Chi 15
Total Net Yards Min 300, Chi 274

Rushes-yards Min 31-159, Chi 29-115
Passing Min 17-141, Chi 4-41

Punt Returns Min 3-41, Chi 4-25
Kick Returns Min 5-51, Chi 1-0

Interceptions Ret. 1-minu, 0-0
Comp-Att-In Min 22-30, Chi 13-26-1

Sacks-yards Lost 4-35, 7-43.9
Fumbles-Lost 1-0, 1-1

Penalties-Yards 9-69, 8-55
Time of Possession 31:24, 28:36

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Minnesota, McKinnon 16-95, Murray 12-72, Trubisky 1-12, Ham 1-0, Chicago, Howard 19-76, Trubisky 3-22, Cohen 6-15, Cunningham 1-0.

Passing: Minnesota, Bradford 5-11-96, Keenum 17-21-0-140, Chicago, Trubisky 12-25-1-128, O'Donnell 1-1-0.

Receiving: Minnesota, McKinnon 6-55, Murray 2-24, Murphy 2-12, M. Floyd 1-19, Ham 1-11, Diggs 1-4, Chicago, K. Wright 4-46, Miller 3-39, Cunningham 2-43, Miller 1-11, Sims 1-17, Wheaton 1-4, Cohen 1-0 (minus 1).

Missed field goals: None.

NFL



JACK DENNEY/AP

Raiders quarterback Derek Carr, right, grabs his back after being sacked by Broncos defensive ends Adam Gotsis. Carr is expected to return to the Raiders for this week's game.

Raiders say Carr to play this week

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN
Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Oakland quarterback Derek Carr is expected to return to the Raiders' lineup for Sunday's game against the Los Angeles Chargers, two weeks after suffering a broken bone in his back.

Raiders coach Jack Del Rio confirmed Carr's return on Monday, echoing comments he made following the Raiders' 30-17 loss to the Baltimore Ravens a day earlier.

"I pretty much said that yesterday," Del Rio said. "I anticipate he'll be ready to go. He was pushing pretty hard last week."

Carr was limited in practice much of last week. He got sacked by Denver defensive lineman Shelby Harris and took a knee to the lower back from defensive end Adam Gotsis during the same play on Oct. 1. There had been some speculation that Carr might play against the Ravens but Del Rio opted to keep the 2014 second-round draft pick inactive against Baltimore.

EJ Manuel started in Carr's place and passed for 159 yards and a touchdown but Oakland fell behind by two touchdowns early in the first quarter and never recovered.

Del Rio praised Manuel's effort and said Oakland's problems against the Ravens went far beyond the quarterback position.

Specifically, Del Rio pointed out that Baltimore handled the Raiders in the trenches and was more physical up front.

"I think EJ handled himself," Del Rio said. "That kind of performance, play good defense, run the ball the way you're supposed to, you win a game with that kind of performance. He didn't put us on his shoulders, he just was solid and that's what we needed from him. We didn't get the other part done."

The Raiders gave up 365 yards to the Ravens' struggling defense and allowed quarterback Joe Flacco to break out of his personal funk. Oakland's defense allowed two touchdowns, three field goals and forced just three punts.

It didn't help when linebackers Marquel Lee and Cory Smith were both forced out with injuries. Oakland's already thin secondary also took a hit after backup cornerback Antonio Hamilton left with a possible torn meniscus.

Despite three straight losses, Del Rio isn't ready to make a massive overhaul.

"We always look to freshen things up but the process remains paramount," Del Rio said. "It's the best you can do. You recover the best you can, then you prepare and then you go compete. That's the best way to consistently perform at a high level. We just haven't played well the last few weeks out. But the process, you have to remain true to it."

Cowboys' Jones reignites anthem protest debate

Owner to bench players who disrespect flag, gets 'big salute' from Trump

By SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

DALLAS — Now that Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys has become the first NFL owner with a public suggestion of repercussions for displays during the national anthem, players are opening up more about the delicate balance of team chemistry and politics in the locker room.

And they're not necessarily slamming the powerful and outspoken Jones for suggesting his players will be benched if they disrespect the flag.

"He's the owner. Either you listen or you don't," Washington Redskins tight end Vernon Davis said Monday. "And if you don't listen, then you won't play. It's all up to each and every individual."

Jones was responding Sunday night to questions about Vice President Mike Pence's decision to leave an Indianapolis home game in protest of about a dozen San Francisco players who knelt during the anthem. President Donald Trump tweeted after Pence's walkout that he had told his vice president to leave if any players knelt.

On Monday night, Trump also tweeted his support for Jones.

"A big salute to Jerry Jones, owner of the Dallas Cowboys, who will BENCH players who disrespect our Flag," the president tweeted. "Stand for Anthem or sit for game!"

Former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick started the movement early last season when he sat on the bench, and later knelt, during the anthem to protest racial inequality and police mistreatment of black males. He remains unsigned and wants to resume his career.

The 74-year-old Jones, also the team's general manager, said after a loss to Green Bay on Sunday that the NFL cannot leave the impression that it tolerates players disrespecting the flag and said any Cowboys doing so will not play.

They were the most provocative comments so far from Jones, a powerful behind-the-scenes force in the NFL and recent Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee who had already been clear in his support of standing for the anthem.

The NFL players' union had a swift rebuke Monday. Executive director DeMaurice Smith said Jones contradicted assurances last week from Commissioner Roger Goodell and New York Giants President John Mara that players could express themselves without reprisals.

"I look forward to the day when everyone in management can unite and truly embrace and articulate what the flag stands for, liberty and justice for all, instead of some of them just talking about standing," Smith said. "We look forward to continuing our talks with them on this very issue."



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said the NFL can't leave the impression that it tolerates players disrespecting the flag and that any of his Cowboys making such displays won't play.

Many of the NFL's 32 teams have held meetings in various forms to discuss the issue since Trump said more than two weeks ago during a rally in Alabama that owners should fire players who kneel for the anthem.

In some cases, teams have struggled with their responses.

Miami coach Adam Gase recently created a team policy requiring players either to stand or wait in the tunnel. Three chose to stay off the field Sunday at home against Tennessee — Michael Thomas, Kenny Stills and Julius Thomas. All three have knelt in the past.

Asked why he was responding to questions on the topic after previously declining to comment, Gase said, "Because I thought it was time for us to address it."

The Denver Broncos decided two weeks ago that they would stop kneeling after coach Vance Joseph met with his leadership group. The Broncos stood before their most recent game against Oakland, with linebacker Brandon Marshall raising a fist. Denver was off Sunday.

"We just feel like as a team, it's bringing more negative attention ... than it is positive," safety Justin Simmons said. "So, we made our point the one time we did it. The awareness of the social injustices are out there."

During their bye last week, Atlanta players and coaches had a discussion mediated by a representative from the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality. Falcons owner Arthur Blank invited the outside perspective, and the team has decided to stand during the anthem.

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Briefly

Report: Saints trade Peterson to Cardinals

From wire reports

The Adrian Peterson era in New Orleans lasted all of four games. On Tuesday, ESPN's Dianna Russini reported that the veteran running back had been traded to the Arizona Cardinals.

The Saints signed Peterson to a two-year, \$7 million contract in April, but it has become increasingly clear that the 32-year-old was not going to be an integral part of the team's offense. Receiving only 27 carries over four games, he is averaging 3.0 yards per rush. In New Orleans' last game, Oct. 1 against the Dolphins in London, he carried the ball only four times for 4 yards.

The Cardinals' running game has been all but nonexistent since starter David Johnson broke his wrist in Week 1. Arizona is averaging only 20 rushing attempts per game, which ties it for the NFL low with the New York Giants, and its running backs are gaining an NFL-worst 2.6 yards per rush.

Peterson ranks 16th on the NFL's career rushing list and sits behind only the Colts' Frank Gore among active players, but he played in only four games in the 2014 and 2016 seasons combined, the former because of a suspension over child-abuse charges and the latter because of knee injuries.

Embiid gets \$148M extension

PHILADELPHIA — The 76ers have put their trust in Joel Embiid.

Philadelphia bet its future on Embiid, signing one of the more talented, yet injury-prone, players in the game to a league maximum contract extension.

A person familiar with the situation tells The Associated Press that Embiid and the Sixers have agreed on a \$148 million, five-year extension and it could increase even

more if the 7-foot center reaches certain incentives. The person spoke on condition of anonymity Monday because the contract has not been officially announced.

The extension starts with the 2018-19 season. He'll make \$6.1 million this season in the final year of his rookie deal.

Embiid tweeted a photo of himself early Tuesday with the caption, "The Process to be Continued.....I LOVE YOU PHILADELPHIA #5MoreYears."

Rondo to miss 4-6 weeks

METairie, La. — The New Orleans Pelicans say veteran guard Rajon Rondo is expected to be sidelined about four to six weeks following surgery on Tuesday to repair a core muscle injury.

Rondo's injury occurred during New Orleans' preseason game at Oklahoma City on Friday night.

The Pelicans say Rondo traveled after the injury to Philadelphia, where he was operated on by a sports hernia specialist.

The Pelicans acquired Rondo as a free agent this summer.

New Orleans opens its regular season in Memphis on Oct. 18.

Wade lands Cavs' starting job

CLEVELAND — Dwyane Wade signed as a free agent with the Cavaliers without being promised a starting job.

He's got one anyway.

After toying with other lineup combinations, Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said Monday that Wade will start at shooting guard alongside Derrick Rose in Cleveland's remodeled backcourt. Wade recently signed a one-year contract with the Cavs, reuniting with LeBron James in Cleveland after the two superstars spent four seasons together in Miami.



BOB LEVERONE/AP

The Saints reportedly traded running back Adrian Peterson on Tuesday to Arizona.

Now they're together again in the starting lineup.

Lue was to unveil Cleveland's new lineup — Wade, Rose, James, Jae Crowder and Kevin Love — on Tuesday night in an exhibition against Chicago, Wade's team last season. The 12-time All-Star replaces J.R. Smith, who will come off the bench after starting 112 games over the past two seasons.

ESPN suspends Hill over tweet

HARTFORD, Conn. — ESPN suspended anchor Jemele Hill on Monday for two weeks for making political statements on social media.

Hill, an African-American co-host of the 6 p.m. broadcast of "SportsCenter," received backlash last month after referring to President Donald Trump as a "white supremacist" in a series of tweets that referenced the president's comments about a deadly white supremacist rally.

In tweets on Sunday, Hill targeted Jerry Jones after the Dallas Cowboys owner stated that players who disrespect the flag would not play for his team.

Hill suggested on Twitter that fans who disagree with Jones should boycott the team's advertisers and not buy the team's merchandise.

"Cowboys have a huge national following," she wrote in one of a series of tweets. "Lot of black & brown folks are Cowboys fans. What if they turned their backs on them?"

She clarified Monday she was not calling for an NFL boycott.

Andersen out at Oregon State

Oregon State and coach Gary Andersen have mutually agreed to part ways, effective immediately, with the Beavers off to a 1-5 start.

The school announced the split in a news release Monday, two days after a 38-10 loss at Southern California. Oregon State did not have a victory against an FBS team this season.

Cornberbacks coach Cory Hall was named interim coach. The Beavers face Colorado at home on Saturday.

Oregon State says Andersen, 53, and the school "agreed to release each other from all future contract obligations and payments." Andersen's contract had been extended after last season and ran through the 2021 season. He was due to make \$2.65 million this season and had he been fired without cause he would have been due about \$12 million.

First-place Eagles quickly prepare for Panthers



MATT ROUKE/AP

The Eagles' Torrey Smith, right, imitates hitting a home run during his touchdown celebration with teammates on Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals in Philadelphia.

By ROB MAADDI

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Riding a three-game winning streak and sitting in first place in the NFC East, the Philadelphia Eagles have no time to enjoy their position.

"They have to quickly get ready for the Carolina Panthers on Thursday night."

"You don't have time to dwell on your past success," coach Doug Pederson said Monday. "We're in a groove and it's tough. We have to guard against complacency and it's my job to keep them grounded and keep them focused and come to work every day prepared."

After dominating 34-7 win over Arizona on Sunday, the Eagles (4-1) were back at work preparing for Cam Newton and the Panthers (4-1). They could be missing another important player:

Right tackle Lane Johnson suffered a concussion against the

Cardinals and isn't likely to be cleared in a couple of days. Two-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Fletcher Cox has missed the past two games because of a calf injury so it's uncertain whether he'll be ready to go.

The Eagles have overcome several key injuries — top cornerback Ronald Darby hasn't played since Week 1 and do-it-all back Darren Sproles went down for the season in Week 3.

"It doesn't matter what happens with injury on our roster, the coaches do an outstanding job of getting that next guy ready and prepared to play," Pederson said.

"Everybody aspires to be a good football team. But the way we're doing it, with the amount of backup players in these first five weeks, is a testament to the coaching staff and the players in the dressing room and the resiliency that they have to never quit and finish."

Carson Wentz had the best game of his young career against Arizona and new receivers Alshon Jeffery and Torrey Smith have significantly improved the passing attack. LeGarrette Blount has bolstered the running game, giving the offense much-needed balance.

Blount has been part of two Super Bowl championship teams in New England over the previous three seasons. He knows what it takes to win and provides veteran experience and leadership.

"We have to forget about this one, it's already in the books," Blount said right after beating the Cardinals.

"We have to focus on Carolina, and make sure that we're locked in. You have to be students of the game. You have to know how to study, you have to be able to work in the classroom, gather all of the information that you can with limited participation on the field."

MLB PLAYOFFS

Yankees get even with Indians in ALDS

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Luis Severino, Aaron Judge and the New York Yankees are headed back to Cleveland for a decisive Game 5 — thanks to plenty of help from the Indians.

Severino rebounded from his playoff debacle, Judge delivered a big hit and the Yankees took advantage of shoddy defense by Cleveland to beat the Indians 7-3 Monday night and even their AL Division Series at two games apiece.

"We've got a shot now," said New York manager Joe Girardi, harshly criticized for his Game 2 decisions. "So it's a totally different feeling than it was the other day, and these guys have picked me up."

Gary Sanchez homered and a slumping Judge laced an early two-run double for his only hit of the series to go with 12 strikeouts in 15 at-bats.

Cleveland starter Trevor Bauer struggled on three days' rest and was chased in the second inning. But it was on the wet Yankee Stadium field where the Indians really flopped, committing a season-high four errors that marked a franchise record for a postseason game and led to six unearned runs.

The defending AL champions made only 76 errors all season, the lowest total in the league.

"The whole night, we made it hard on ourselves to win," manager Terry Francona said.

After preventing a three-game sweep with a 1-0 win Sunday night, the wild-card Yankees will start CC Sabathia against his original team in Game 5 on Wednesday. Indians ace Corey Kluber gets the ball in a rematch from Game 2, when he was hit hard by New York.

"It's hard to imagine giving it to somebody better," Francona said. "We're looking forward to it."

The winner faces Houston in the AL Championship Series after the Astros finished off Boston in four games Monday to win their ALDS.

"We've got a young team and they're hungry," Severino said.



KATHY WILKENS/AP

Yankees pitcher Luis Severino reacts at the end of the top of the seventh inning against the Indians in Game 4 of the ALDS on Monday in New York.

Simply taking two in a row to send the series back to Cleveland was no small feat for the Yankees. The last time the Indians lost consecutive games was Aug. 22-23 at home against Boston, just before starting their AL-record 22-game winning streak. From that point on, Cleveland had gone 35-4 before arriving in the Bronx for Game 3 of the ALDS.

Minus injured slugger Edwin Encarnacion, the Indians have scored three runs in two games since.

Severino got only one out in the wild-card game against Minnesota last Tuesday, but was bailed out by his teammates as New York advanced with an 8-4 victory. This time, the 23-year-old ace was determined to come through, and he did.

"I think he was able to relax a lot more. He was able to control his adrenaline," Girardi said. "He was able to channel things down and make his pitch, as opposed to just trying to power his way through it."

Handed an early 5-0 lead and showing lots of emotion on the mound, the fired-up righty struck out nine in seven innings. With the crowd of 47,316 chanting his name, Severino threw 113 pitches and gave up four hits — including Carlos Santana's two-run homer and Roberto Perez's solo shot.

"I told him after the game, he grew up a lot today," Girardi said.

Tommy Kahnle relieved a wild Dellin Betances in the eighth and got six straight outs — five on strikeouts — for his first save of the season as New York improved to 3-0 when facing playoff elimination this year.

"There's a lot of confidence in that room," Girardi said.

Sanchez hit his second home run of the series off Bryan Shaw in the sixth to make it 7-3.

A rainy day in the Big Apple prevented both teams from taking batting practice on

the field. But the tarp was pulled and play started right on time, with fans in hooded ponchos bunched below the overhangs seeking cover from a heavy drizzle.

Showers dissipated in the bottom of the first, though a few puddles remained on the slick warning track all night.

The first of two costly errors by normally sure-handed third baseman Giovanni Urshela, a 224 hitter in the lineup for his defense, was a painful one. Starlin Castro's sinking line drive in the second struck him just above the left ankle and caromed away.

Shaken up, Urshela was checked by a trainer but stayed in the game.

With two outs, Todd Frazier pulled a 78 mph curve to deep left and it landed smack on the foul line for an RBI double. A frustrated Bauer gestured with his hand when he didn't get a strike-three call on a checkswing by Aaron Hicks, who soon singled home a run.

Brett Gardner singled and, after a mound visit from Indians pitching coach Mickey Callaway, Judge had a gritty at-bat. The rookie slugger was 0-for-11 with nine strikeouts in the series before fighting back from 0-2 to a full count and lining a two-run double to the left-field wall on one hop.

"Just had to grind it out," Judge said. After pulling in at second base, he clapped and pointed to the Yankees dugout.

Bauer managed only five outs after tossing two-hit ball with eight strikeouts over 6½ innings during a 4-0 win in the series opener last Thursday. All four runs he allowed were unearned.

"I thought my stuff was better than Game 1," Bauer said. "Just a couple of little things went their way instead of mine."

Urshela's two-out throwing error with the bases loaded in the third made it 5-0.

Frazier reached on pitcher Danny Salazar's two-base throwing error to start the fifth. He scored on Gardner's shallow sacrifice fly to center fielder Jason Kipnis, a second baseman moved to the outfield late this season. Kipnis began the year on the disabled list with a shoulder problem.

"As a team, we didn't play the greatest defense tonight," Bauer said.

Without Encarnacion, Indians' bats fall short



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

The Indians' Jay Bruce reacts after striking out with two runners on base to end the top of the eighth inning Monday against the Yankees in New York.

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Minus injured slugger Edwin Encarnacion, the Cleveland Indians have scored three runs in the past two games.

They get one more chance to close out the New York Yankees. Encarnacion remained out of Cleveland's lineup Monday night in Game 4 of its AL Division Series against New York. He's been sidelined since leaving Game 2 with a sprained right ankle last Friday.

Michael Brantley replaced Encarnacion at designated hitter again and went 1-for-4 with two strikeouts as the Indians committed a season-high four errors and lost 7-3, tying the series at two games apiece. A decisive Game 5 is Wednesday night in Cleveland, with the winner advancing to play Houston in the AL Championship Series.

Prior to Game 4, manager Terry Francona said the team

hoped Encarnacion would be able to pinch-hit Monday night. He never came off the bench.

Cleveland had a chance for a three-game sweep Sunday but lost 1-0 to the Yankees as Brantley went 0-for-2 with a walk.

Encarnacion wasn't available in Game 3, Francona said. But the defending AL champions have chosen not to pursue replacing him on the active roster because that would make him ineligible in the next round.

"I think we're making the right decision," Francona said. "Because to not have Edwin — and it hurt us [Sunday] night — to just write him off if we can move on, that would be tough to do."

Encarnacion batted .258 with 38 home runs and 107 RBIs in his first season with the Indians this year. Cleveland signed him to a \$60 million, three-year contract after he spent seven-plus seasons with Toronto.

"Obviously, you don't replace a guy like Edwin, but we have a

fairly deep lineup. We have many other ways to create runs," teammate Jason Kipnis said.

Jay Bruce batted in Encarnacion's cleanup spot in Game 3 and struck out all four times up, stranding three runners. Bruce, a big star in the first two games, was back in the No. 4 hole Monday and went 1-for-3 with a walk and a strikeout.

Brantley, who is 1-for-11 in the series, was moved up from seventh to sixth in the order. The two-time All-Star missed Cleveland's run to the World Series last year and only recently returned from an ankle ligament injury that kept him out for 50 games after Aug. 3 this season.

"I think the hope is that the more at-bats he gets, the more his timing will come back. And in the meantime, he finds a way to help us win a game," Francona said before Game 4. "I know it's not ideal."

"It's pretty obvious that he's not like, midseason locked in. I still



ALDS Game 5
New York Yankees
at Cleveland Indians
AFN-Sports
2 a.m. Thursday CET
9 a.m. Thursday JKT

think he competes and he's intelligent, and I bet you he'll find a way to help us win," the manager added. "There's a lot of belief in him. And I know it's not easy. He hasn't played very much."

Lonnie Chisenhall played left field after Austin Jackson started there in Game 3. Roberto Perez was the catcher for the second straight night rather than Game 2 star Yan Gomes.

MLB PLAYOFFS

Cubs overcome Scherzer, take series lead

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Moments after his go-ahead hit, Anthony Rizzo walked across the infield at frenzied Wrigley Field and shouted "Respect me! Respect me!"

A year after their historic championship, Rizzo and the Chicago Cubs are fighting for another memorable October.

Rizzo blooped a tiebreaking single into left field with two outs in the eighth and the Cubs overcame Max Scherzer's brilliant performance to beat the Washington Nationals 2-1 on Monday for a 2-1 lead in their NL Division Series.

The Nationals had a base open with Rizzo coming to the plate and pinch runner Leonys Martin on second, but manager Dusty Baker elected to pitch to the slugger with Wilson Contreras on-deck. Oliver Perez came in and Rizzo looped his first pitch into shallow left-center, finding a patch of grass between three Washington fielders.

Rizzo stumbled after he took a big turn around first and was tagged out to end the inning, but he didn't seem to care too much, demanding veneration as the Cubs came out of the dugout for the ninth.

"I want to make guys pay," Rizzo said. "I hit where I hit in the order. I drive in runs, and



NAM Y. HUN/AP

The Cubs' Albert Almora Jr. hits an RBI single during the seventh inning of Game 3 of the National League Division Series against the Washington Nationals on Monday in Chicago.

that's just the mentality that I always take in. Usually I keep that stuff behind the scenes and say

that stuff, but just my emotions got me there."

Baker had a different view-

like a player who gets hits at key moments in the playoffs. Baker responded: "Well, yeah, I guess. I mean, it's not really turning it on when you bloop one in there, you know what I mean?"

Scherzer was dominant in his return from a right hamstring injury, carrying a no-hitter into the seventh. But just like in Game 1, when Chicago was held hitless into the sixth by Stephen Strasburg, the World Series champion Cubs showed off their resilience on the way to a stirring victory.

Chicago committed four errors, including two by left fielder Kyle Schwarber on one ugly play, and Jason Heyward also made an uncharacteristic baserunning mistake. But the Cubs got a huge pinch-hit RBI single from Albert Almora Jr. and a solid pitching performance from Jose Quintana in the return of postseason baseball to Wrigley after last year's World Series ended in Cleveland.

After Rizzo's big hit, All-Star Wade Davis retired three in a row for his second save of the series. Jayson Werth popped out to Rizzo to end the game.

"We made mistakes," manager Joe Maddon said. "We made some errors, but then we made some great plays."

Scherzer struck out seven before he was pulled after Ben Zobrist doubled to left-center on his 98th pitch for Chicago's first hit with one out in the seventh.

Finish: Bregman ties it with homer

FROM BACK PAGE

Sale and (closer Craig) Kimbrel."

The Astros will open the ALCS on Friday, either at Cleveland or at home against the New York Yankees. The Indians and Yankees will play a decisive Game 5 on Wednesday night.

The Red Sox forced a Game 4 after losing the first two games in Houston, and then took a 3-2 lead in the fifth on Benintendi's homer. Bregman tied it before Reddick's single off closer Craig Kimbrel made it 4-3.

Carlos Beltran added to his postseason legacy with an RBI double in the ninth — an insurance run that became the game-winner when Rafael Devers hit an inside-the-park homer off closer Ken Giles over leaping center fielder George Springer and off the Green Monster toward center.

The 20-year-old Red Sox rookie easily circled the bases before the throw to make it 5-4.

Giles retired the next three batters for the six-out save.

"The two big boys, Sale and Verlander, both get into the game. Everybody did well," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "Nobody really wanted to concede the game."

The Astros last reached the league championship series in 2005 as a National League team, and were swept in the World Series by the White Sox. This year's team, wearing "Houston Strong" patches to support the city that was flooded in Hurricane Harvey, is hoping to finish the job.

"The city of Houston is still rebuilding," Hinch said. "It's easy for us to look in the rearview mirror and think that the hurricane is over (but) the rebuild is not going to stop for a long time. ... We want to win for them, we want to win for us, we want to win because we showed up in spring training to try to win a World Series."

Springer and Yuli Gurriel each had three hits for the AL West champions, and Reddick's go-ahead single made up for misplaying a fly ball into a home

run in Game 3 to force a fourth game. Reddick got a postgame drenching in the clubhouse while wearing a red, white and blue flag Speedo.

Verlander also beat Sale in the playoff opener and is now 7-0 for his new team. Sale, who had never appeared in the postseason before 2017, pitched 4 1/3 innings, allowing two runs and four hits, striking out six.

"This is what we show up to spring training for. It's what we work all offseason for. Ups and downs, all around the country," Sale said. "This is what we live for."

On a rainy day at Fenway Park — the fourth straight day game — the Red Sox again saw a starter struggle early, with Rick Porcello giving up Houston's eighth first-inning run of the series. The reigning AL Cy Young winner, who led the AL with 22 wins last year and the majors with 17 losses in 2017, gave up two runs in three innings, walking three and striking out four while allowing five hits.

Kander Bogaerts also homered for the AL East champion Red Sox.

See ya

Red Sox manager John Farrell was ejected by home plate umpire Mark Wegner in the bottom of the second inning after coming out to argue a called third strike on Dustin Pedroia. The previous batter, Jackie Bradley Jr., had also been called out on strikes on a close pitch.

It is the 19th ejection of Farrell's career and his third this season.

Interference

The Red Sox ball girl was called for interference when she tried to field Evan Gattis' fair-ball grounder down the third-base line in the eighth. Instead of a potential double, Gattis was sent back to first; pinch-runner Cameron Maybin took second on a wild pitch and scored the go-ahead run on Reddick's single.



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

The Houston Astros' Alex Bregman celebrates at the plate after hitting a home run off Red Sox relief pitcher Chris Sale during the eighth inning of Game 4 of their American League Division Series on Monday in Boston. Bregman's homer tied the score.

MLB PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

Playoffs	
WILD CARD	
New York 8, Minnesota 4	
Arizona 11, Colorado 8	
DIVISION SERIES	
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)	
American League	
Houston 5, Boston 1	
Houston 8, Boston 2	
Boston 10, Houston 3	
Monday: Houston 5, Boston 4	
National League	
Cleveland 4, New York 0	
Cleveland 9, New York 8, 13 innings	
New York 1, Cleveland 0	
Monday: New York 7, Cleveland 3	
Wednesday: New York (Sabathia 14-5) at Cleveland (Kluber 18-4)	

National League	
Chicago 3, Washington 1	
Washington 5, Chicago 3	
Monday: Chicago 2, Washington 1	
Tuesday: Washington (Roark 13-11) at Chicago (Arrieta 14-10)	
American League	
x-Thurs: Chicago at Washington	
Los Angeles 3, Arizona 0	
Los Angeles 9, Arizona 5	
Monday: Los Angeles 3, Arizona 1	

American League	
Houston vs. Cleveland, New York	
Game 1: Friday, Oct. 13	
Game 2: Saturday, Oct. 14	
Game 3: Monday, Oct. 16	
Game 4: Tuesday, Oct. 17	
Game 5: Wednesday, Oct. 18	
Game 6: x-Friday, Oct. 20	
Game 7: x-Saturday, Oct. 21	
National League	
Los Angeles vs. Chicago/Washington	
Saturday: Chicago/Washington at Los Angeles	
Sunday: Chicago/Washington at Los Angeles	
Tuesday, Oct. 17: Los Angeles at Chicago/Washington	
Wednesday, Oct. 18: Los Angeles at Chicago/Washington	
Thursday, Oct. 19: Los Angeles at Chicago/Washington	
Friday, Oct. 20: Los Angeles/Washington at Los Angeles	
x-Sunday, Oct. 22: Chicago/Washington at Los Angeles	

WORLD SERIES	
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)	
All Games Televised by Fox	
Game 1: Wednesday, Oct. 24	
Game 2: Wednesday, Oct. 25	
Game 3: Friday, Oct. 27	
Game 4: Saturday, Oct. 28	
Game 5: x-Sunday, Oct. 29	
Game 6: x-Tuesday, Oct. 31	
Game 7: x-Wednesday, Nov. 1	

Monday	
Dodgers 3, Diamondbacks 1	
Los Angeles	Arizona

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J.Timmer 3b	5	0	0	0	G.Gilchrist 3b	4	0	0
D.Ryan lb	5	0	0	0	D.Ryan lb	5	0	0
Pulgar rf	2	0	0	0	Lamb 3b	3	0	0
A.Jones c	3	0	0	0	A.Jones c	3	0	0
G.Randall lf	2	0	0	0	D.Caballero 2b	3	1	1
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Yankees 7, Indians 3									
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Jose Rm 2b	4	0	0	0	G.Sanch c	5	1	1	1
Brace rf	3	1	1	0	Bird lb	4	0	1	0
C.Sntna lb	4	1	2	2	T.Csstr 2b	4	2	1	0
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E.Gonzal 3b	0	0	0	0	Bridges ss	2	0	0	0
Jose 2b	3	0	0	0	Jose 2b	3	0	0	0
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Gomes ph-c	0	0	0	0	Gomes ph-c	0	0	0	0
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Astros finish off Red Sox

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By JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Houston Astros poured back onto the field after advancing to their first AL Championship Series, posing for pictures with the Green Monster as a backdrop before a few players bellyflopped in the puddles in the infield dirt.

No matter, they were already soaked from celebratory beer and sparkling wine.

"Both teams were throwing their guys, and that's what you live for," Houston third baseman Alex Bregman said on Monday after Justin Verlander came out of the bullpen to beat Chris Sale in an aces-turned-relievers role reversal and helped the Astros eliminate the Red Sox in four games with a 5-4 victory.

"When we saw Verlander run to the 'pen we said, 'Our horse is on the mound, we need to win this game,'" said Bregman, who homered off Sale to tie it in the eighth before Josh Reddick's single gave the Astros the lead. "That's kind of the whole energy that he's brought since we brought him over here. He's brought an energy with him that, 'Hey, when he's out there, we're going to win.'"

Verlander, who was acquired for the playoff run after spending his first 13 seasons in Detroit, gave up the go-ahead homer to Andrew Benintendi — the first batter he faced — before shutting Boston down for the next 2½ innings.

The former AL MVP and Cy Young winner earned the victory in his first relief appearance after 424 starts in a major and minor league career.

"All the things that you would like to do as a starter, and I was able to do that," Verlander said. "Top to bottom, man, these guys grinded against two of the toughest competitors in this game in

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Above: Astros right fielder Josh Reddick hits an RBI single to drive in Cameron Maybin during the eighth inning of Game 4 of Houston's American League Division Series against the Red Sox on Monday in Boston. **Below:** Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts remains on the turf after he was unable to catch up to Reddick's single through the hole between shortstop and third base.

